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**DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS****Elected Officers**

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**Moderator**

Robert L. Eckert

**Selectmen**

George E. Lay    Ralph L. Buzzell    Frank M. Hargraves

**Board of Public Welfare**

J. Arthur Ollis    Hazen M. Emery    Ellen M. Wallace

**Assessors**

Clifford R. Howe, Jr. .... Term expires 1957

E. Palmer Sargent ..... Term expires 1956

Alvin F. Heath ..... Term expires 1955

**Town Clerk**

C. Howard Phillips

**Tax Collector**

Wilfred G. Journey ..... Term expires 1955

**Town Treasurer**

Roy C. Journey

### **Municipal Light Commissioners**

Ray Wallace .....	Term expires 1957
Ulysses N. Corson .....	Term expires 1956
Robert C. Young .....	Term expires 1955

### **Municipal Water Commissioners**

Ray Wallace .....	Term expires 1957
Ulysses N. Corson .....	Term expires 1956
Robert C. Young .....	Term expires 1955

### **School Committee**

Frederick N. Sweetsir .....	Term expires 1957
Virginia H. Webster .....	Term expires 1956
Irving G. Blake .....	Term expires 1955

### **Trustees of Cemetery**

Arthur R. Clark .....	Term expires 1957
Clifton V. Bixby .....	Term expires 1956
Henry D. Lay .....	Term expires 1955
Everett Haight .....	Term expires 1955

Appointed in 1954 to fill vacancy on resignation of Mr. Bixby.

### **Trustees of Public Library**

Olive S. Wilde .....	Term expires 1957
Burnell S. O'Brien .....	Term expires 1957
Barbara N. Adams .....	Term expires 1956
Charles M. Tibbetts .....	Term expires 1956
Alvin F. Heath .....	Term expires 1955
Robert L. Eckert .....	Term expires 1955

**Trustees of Kimball Park**

Cecil L. Dressler ..... Term expires 1957  
Donald J. Selby ..... Term expires 1956  
Henry D. Lay ..... Term expires 1955

**Playground Commission**

Merrill B. Smith ..... Term expires 1959  
George J. P. Stevens ..... Term expires 1958  
George D. Currier ..... Term expires 1957  
Alexander M. Sullivan ..... Term expires 1956  
Henry D. Lay ..... Term expires 1955

**Constables**

Alexander M. Sullivan                      George R. Buzzell  
                                 Ronald C. Sarasin

**Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark**

Gordon Roberts                      Richard E. Sargent  
                                 Robert L. Eckert

**Tree Warden**

Harold C. Lamb

**Civil Service Tenure Chief of Police**

Maurice Carey, Constable

**Planning Board**

Russell E. Kershaw .....	Term expires 1959
Edgar P. Sargent .....	Term expires 1958
Milton E. Webster .....	Term expires 1957
Allan B. MacGregor .....	Term expires 1956
Henry D. Lay .....	Term expires 1955

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**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**  

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**Night Watchman**

Fred A. Smith, Constable

**Special Police Officers**

Alexander M. Sullivan	Thomas Chaff
Clarence O. Libby (Honorary)	Herman Currier
Leon L. Dow	Ronald C. Sarasin
George R. Buzzell	John F. McCarron
James L. Howe (Grange Hall)	George J. P. Stevens
Harold M. Waterhouse (Cattle Crossing)	
John P. Gilmore (Pumping Station)	Albert W. Lord
Irvine G. Burbeck (Light & Water Dept.)	
	Merrill B. Smith
Harold Mooney (Light & Water Dept.)	
	Kenneth E. Haskell (School)
George Keller (Light & Water Dept.)	
	Harlan M. Haight (Cemeteries)
Gordon G. Roberts	Raymond P. David
Mrs. Frances N. Frazier	Mrs. Gertrude L. Kopanski



**Sworn Weighers**

Byron Sargent

Mrs. Isobel Knight

George L. Sargent

John A. Hutchins

Ralph L. Buzzell

David Stewart

Robert L. Eckert

**Fence Viewers**

E. Palmer Sargent

William J. Battis

**Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering**

John A. Hutchins

**Inspector of Wiring**

Ulysses N. Corson

**Moth Superintendent**

Harold C. Lamb

**Burial Agent**

Charles J. Vincent

**Veterans Service Officer**

Charles J. Vincent

**Town Forest Committee**

Harold C. Lamb ..... Term expires 1957

S. C. Doust ..... Term expires 1956

Russell B. Kelly ..... Term expires 1955

**Registrars of Voters**

C. Howard Phillips

James P. Flynn

George Gulezian

Bernard Hume

**Janitor of Town Hall**

Guy Sheldon

**Veterans Agent**

George E. Lay

**Agent of the Board of Health**

Norman E. Taylor

\*W. Harold Whiting appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Norman E. Taylor

**Superintendent of Streets**

Albert W. Lord

**Sealer of Weights and Measure**

Merrill B. Smith

**Dog Officer**

Harold C. Lamb

**Health Nurse**

Cecile Sargent

**Town Accountant**

Norman E. Taylor

\*W. Harold Whiting appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Norman E. Taylor



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**Director of Civil Defense**

Parker T. Walton

**Forest Fire Warden**

George R. Buzzell

**Engineers of Fire Department**

George R. Buzzell

John H. Hughes

Glen I. Blackden

**Election Officers**

Stanley E. Whiting

Rita E. Kimball

Mary D. Flynn

Mellisa Buzzell

Mary E. Flynn

Marjorie Staples

Mary F. Casazza

Alfreda Lovell

Yvonne Donahue

Grace Clark

Elaine Noone

Edna Harrington

Mable Dressler

Bonelle M. Gardt

Nora Dwyer

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**MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM**

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Emergency fire alarm telephone number 2211.

Emergency phone 2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

3-3 Chief's Call.

4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.

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- 5 Merrimac Square.
  - 12 Locust St., corner of Green St.
  - 13 Main St., Opposite Forrest St.
  - 14 Main St., near residence of William H. Franklin.
  - 15 Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line.
  - 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
  - 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
  - 18 School and Mill Sts.
  - 21 East Main St., opposite Skip's Snack Bar.
  - 23 East Main St., near residence of John P. Gilmore.
  - 24 Church St., opposite Maple St.
  - 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
  - 26 Summer and Prospect Sts.
  - 27 Church St., near residence of Richard Powers.
  - 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
  - 31 Pleasant St., Merrimacport.
  - 32 Merrimac St., near Middle Rd.
  - 34 Merrimac St., Merrimacport.
  - 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry.
  - 36 Merrimac and Broad Sts., Merrimacport.
  - 41 Lower East Main St., Lake Attitash entrance.
  - 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Ave.
  - 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
  - 52 Lower Locust St., to Merrimac-Haverhill Line.
  - 62 Birch Meadow Rd., and Hadley District. Tel. No. Box.
  - 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N. H. Line Tel. No. Box
  - 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash. Tel. No. Box.
  - 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash. Tel. No. Box.

No. Box — Call 2211

- 2 Recall—all out—also All Clear Air Raid.

#### No School Signals

- 7:15 A. M. 11-11-long pause-1. No school in grades only.
- 7:15 A. M. 11-11-11. No school in high and grades schools.
- 11:20 A. M. Same signals. One session.

12:30 P. M. Same signals. No school in afternoon.

Police Call 1-1-1.

Boy Scouts—10 Blasts.

Red Alert for Air Raids—7-7-7. All Clear 7-1-1.

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## JURY LIST

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The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1954 has been prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 28, 1954.

William F. Acorn, 51 East Main St., Painter  
Arthur F. Allen, River Road, Salesman  
Howard DeLong, 7 Pine St., Mechanic  
Everett P. Dwinnells, Huse Road, Auto Mechanic  
Jesse E. Gleed, 74 West Main St., Gas Station  
Michael J. Gilmore, 17 Locust St., Shoe Worker  
Harold J. Kramer, 25 Pleasant St., Shoe Worker  
Winthrop W. Litchfield, 5 Summer St., Retired  
James McMasters, River Road, Mill Worker  
George S. Nelson, 46 West Main St., Painter  
Elwin E. Rollins, 6 Union St., Real Estate  
Robert C. Fryer, 31 Main St., Salesman  
Arnold F. Hargraves, Maple St., Wood Heel  
Forrest M. Lavalley, School St., Clerk  
Fred L. Spencer, Abbott St., Blacksmith  
Edward H. Worcester, Winter St., Carpenter  
Phillip E. Rodier, 4 Adams St., Bus Driver  
Cecil E. Welch, 19 Middle St., Foreman  
Ernest E. Hewson, 10 Woodland St., Bus Driver  
Frank W. Hoyt, 70 Church St., Painter  
Bernard A. Hume, 10 Lincoln St., Machine Oper.  
John Fyfe Jr., 11 Green St., Laborer  
George P. Hanson, 123 E. Main St., Gas Station  
Shirley G. Condon, Grove St., Machine Oper.



Homer H. Reynolds, Locust St., Laborer  
Joseph W. Bray, 1081½ E. Main St., Retired  
Samuel F. Barr, 40 E. Main St., Salesman  
Henry S. Lay, 22 Prospect St., Mgr.  
W. Pearce Titter, Jr., River Road, Salesman  
Bernard C. Bickum, 18 Church St., Leather Worker  
John H. Chipman, 10 High St., Office Worker  
Frederick C. Chase, Middle Road, Bus Driver  
George M. Martin, 12 Green St., Bus Driver

George E. Lay  
Ralph L. Buzzell  
Frank M. Hargraves  
Selectmen of Merrimac.

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**SELECTMEN’S REPORT**

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The seventy-ninth annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 49, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board organized for the year 1954 as follows:

Chairman.....George E. Lay  
Clerk.....Ralph L. Buzzell  
Member.....Frank M. Hargraves

The Board organized with the same officers as a Board of Health, and Veterans Benefits, with Norman E. Taylor being appointed Agent of the Board of Health and Mr. Lay being appointed as Veteran’s Agent. Mr.

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Taylor resigned in November and W. Harold Whiting was appointed for three years as Town Accountant, and Agent of the Board of Health.

During the past year, as you all know, we have experienced two bad hurricanes which we have tried to take care of to the best financial interests of the town. We also have tried to spend money for other appropriations which come under our direct supervision to the best interests of all.

We wish to thank the Department of Coperations and Taxation, and the Division of Accounts, for all their help in the past year, also the heads of departments for their cooperation and to both Town Accountants for their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Lay

Frank M. Hargraves

Ralph L. Buzzell

Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac

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## APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1954

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March 2, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit the following list of appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Merrimac, for the year 1954, held on March 1, 1954:

## Article 3 Elective Officers

Moderator .....	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk .....	450.00
Selectmen, Chairman .....	325.00
Selectmen, Clerk .....	200.00
Selectmen, Other Member .....	150.00
Board of Public Welfare, Chairman .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Clerk .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare, Other Member .....	100.00
Assessors, Chairman .....	600.00
Assessors, Clerk .....	280.00
Assessors, Other Member .....	250.00
School Committee, Chairman .....	50.00
School Committee, Clerk .....	75.00
School Committee, Other Member .....	50.00
Tax Collector .....	2,200.00
Tree Warden .....	1,300.00
Municipal Light Commissioners, 3 @ \$50.00 each .....	150.00
Municipal Water Commissioners, 3 @ \$50.00 each .....	150.00
Treasurer .....	750.00
Article 4 Expenses	
Selectmen, Departmental Expenses .....	400.00
Town Accountant, Salary .....	3,380.00
Town Accountant, Expenses .....	125.00
Treasurer, Expenses .....	500.00
Tax Collector, Expenses .....	600.00
Assessors, Expenses .....	800.00
Town Clerk, Expenses .....	200.00
Registrars of Voters, Chairman .....	100.00
Registrars of Voters, 3 Other Members @ \$50.00 each .....	150.00
Janitor, Town Hall, Salary .....	240.00
Town Hall, Maintenance .....	1,500.00
Town Hall, Repairs .....	200.00
Bonding Town Officers .....	500.00



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Election Officers .....	500.00
Police Department .....	8,733.00
Fire Engineers, Salaries, Chief .....	300.00
Fire Engineers, Clerk .....	200.00
Fire Engineers, Other Member .....	150.00
Fire Department .....	4,400.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary .....	150.00
Sealers of Weights and Measures, Expenses ...	35.00
Inspector of Wiring, Salary .....	90.00
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses .....	5.00
Dog Officer, Fees .....	150.00
Moth Department .....	869.00
Town Forest .....	400.00
Forest Fire Warden .....	200.00
Board of Health .....	1,500.00
Health Nurse, Salary & Expenses .....	1,300.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary .....	100.00
Inspector of Animals, Expenses .....	5.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary .....	20.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expenses .....	5.00
Inspector of Milk, Salary .....	20.00
Inspector of Milk, Expenses .....	5.00
Snow and Washouts .....	3,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges .....	100.00
Rocks Bridge .....	6,375.00
Street Lights .....	7,594.00
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00
Soldiers Benefits .....	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	40,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	4,000.00
School Department .....	107,947.00
Public Library .....	1,500.00
Memorial Day .....	275.00
Vocational Aid .....	2,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings .....	1,509.56
Insurance .....	5,000.00

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Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00
Interest .....	9,222.50
Cemeteries .....	3,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	250.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	514.44
Printing Town Reports .....	594.00
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	\$246,205.50

Article 7	Playground .....	1,325.00
Article 9	Repairs Tax Possessions .....	100.00
Article 10	Highways, Thickly Settled .....	1,000.00
Article 11	Registrars Expense .....	650.00
Article 13	Legal Expenses .....	100.00
Article 14	Chapter 90, Highways .....	2,500.00
Article 15	Repairs on Town Hall .....	3,600.00
Article 17	Highways, Chapter 81 .....	5,300.00
Article 18	Veterans Service Officer, Salary	250.00
Article 19	Veterans Service Officer, Ex- penses .....	250.00
Article 20	Essex County Retirement Board	4,548.49
Article 21	Water .....	24,000.00
Article 22	Welfare Agent, Salary .....	2,640.00
Article 23	Dutch Elm .....	2,100.00
Article 24	Rental, Legion Quarters .....	300.00
Article 25	School Bond Payment .....	17,000.00
Article 26	Dog Officer, Salary .....	100.00
Article 27	Civil Defense .....	1,800.00
Article 28	Salaries, Instructors Supervised Play .....	675.00
Article 30	Water Extension (Ridgefield Road) .....	3,000.00
Article 31	Water Extension (Belmore Road) .....	4,000.00

Article 39	Street Light Extension (Hadley Road)	1,277.00
Article 46	Flexible Rod Drain Cleaning Kit	920.00
		<u>\$323,640.99</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS

Town Clerk

REPORT OF FINANCE BOARD

Department	Appropriated 1954	Recommended by Finance Board in 1955
Moderator	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Town Clerk	450.00	450.00
Selectmen, Chairman	325.00	325.00
Selectmen, Clerk	200.00	200.00
Selectmen, Other Member	150.00	150.00
Welfare, Chairman	200.00	200.00
Welfare, Clerk	200.00	200.00
Welfare, Other Member	100.00	100.00
Assessors, Chairman	600.00	600.00
Assessors, Clerk	280.00	280.00
Assessors, Other Member	250.00	250.00
Sch. Committee, Chair.	50.00	No Sal. '55
Sch. Committee, Clerk	75.00	No Sal. '55
Sch. Committee, Other Member	50.00	No Sal. '55
Tax Collector	2,200.00	2,200.00
Tree Warden	1,300.00	2,300.00
Light Com., 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Water Com., 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00



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Treasurer .....	750.00	750.00
Selectmen, Dept., Expenses .....	400.00	400.00
Town Accountant, Salary .....	3,380.00	3,380.00
Town Accountant, Sxpenses .....	125.00	125.00
Treasurer, Expenses .....	500.00	500.00
Tax Collector's Expenses .....	600.00	600.00
Assessors' Expenses .....	800.00	800.00
Town Clerk, Expenses .....	200.00	300.00
Reg. of Voters, Chairman .....	100.00	100.00
Reg. of Voters, 3 at \$50.00 each	150.00	150.00
Janitor Town Hall, Salary .....	240.00	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs .....	200.00	200.00
Bonding Town Officers .....	500.00	500.00
Election Officers .....	500.00	150.00
Police Department .....	8,733.00	9,298.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Chief .....	300.00	300.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Clerk ...	200.00	200.00
Fire Engineers' Salary, Member	150.00	150.00
Fire Department .....	4,400.00	4,400.00
Sealer of W'ghts. & Meas., Sal.	150.00	150.00
Sealer's Expenses .....	35.00	35.00
Insp. of Wiring, Salary .....	90.00	90.00
Insp. of Wiring, Expenses .....	5.00	5.00
Dog Officer Fees .....	150.00	150.00
Moth Department .....	869.00	869.00
Town Forest .....	400.00	400.00
Forest Fire Warden .....	200.00	200.00
Board of Health .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Nurse, Sal. and Exp. ....	1,300.00	1,300.00
Insp. of Animals, Salary .....	100.00	100.00
Insp. of Animals, Expenses .....	5.00	5.00
Insp. of Slaughtering, Salary .....	20.00	20.00
Insp. of Slaughtering, Expenses	5.00	5.00
Insp. of Milk, Salary .....	20.00	20.00
Insp. of Milk, Expenses .....	5.00	5.00
Snow and Washouts .....	3,500.00	3,500.00

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Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges	100.00	100.00
Rocks Bridge .....	6,375.00	6,375.00
Street Lights .....	7,594.00	6,737.38
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Soldiers' Benefits .....	3,500.00	3,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	8,000.00	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance .....	40,000.00	40,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	4,000.00	4,000.00
School Department .....	107,947.00	115,978.00
Public Library .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memorial Day .....	275.00	275.00
Vocational Aid .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lighting Town Buildings .....	1,509.56	997.41
Insurance .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest .....	9,222.50	10,000.00
Cemeteries .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	250.00	250.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	514.44	575.00
Printing Town Reports .....	594.00	594.00
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Totals .....	\$246,205.50	\$254,845.79

Respectfully submitted,

RAY T. WALLACE

MILLARD B. HILLS

EDWARD C. GIBBONS

JAMES P. DONAHUE

CLIFFORD R. HOWE

Merrimac Finance Board

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As Chief of Police for the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Police Dept. for the year 1954.

The report follows:

	1953	1954
Number of Arrest for Crimes against the person	2	8
Number of Arrest for Crimes against property	2	14
Number of Arrest for Crimes against public order	66	119

### ARREST AND COURT ACTION TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING CRIMES

Adultery .....	1
Assault and Battery .....	4
Assist other Departments .....	17
Disturbance of the Peace .....	1
Driving without License .....	2
Driving unregistered car .....	1
Driving uninsured car .....	1
Driving to endanger .....	7
Drunks .....	9
Exposure of person .....	1
Insane committed to Danvers State Hospital .....	3
Larceny .....	19
Left of Way Driving .....	18
Lewd & Lascivious in speech & behavior .....	1
Neglect of minor children .....	2
Neglected children .....	6
None Support .....	3
Statutory Rape .....	4
Summons served .....	33



Summons to Parent .....	7
Subpoenas Served .....	7
Speeding .....	19

DELINQUENT CHILDREN BY REASON OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

False Alarms .....	2
Indecent Assault .....	1
Breaking and Entering .....	12
Larceny in a Building .....	14
Carrying a Dangerous Weapon .....	5

(Note) Juvenile Delinquency will prevail just so long as the Parent continues to leave the bringing up of their children to the Teacher, the Clergy and the Police.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accidents .....	29
Ambulance Service and assistance .....	20
Fatal Accidents .....	3
Funeral Escorts .....	15
Runaways Returned (2 from Boston, 1 from N. Y.) .....	3
Suicide .....	1

In order to make the Police Department more efficient in carrying out its duties, the Police Department is asking the backing of the voters to purchase a car for the Department.

This car, if purchased, will be on duty 24 hours a day for your benefit in case of any emergency which you might call for such as: Locating a doctor when one cannot be reached by telephone, delivering a message from relatives who are sick or dying, rushing to your home when you are in need of an officer in a hurry.

A car is needed for traffic duty, investigations, complaints, to rush to accidents either in the home or on the highway, to take criminals to jail or court, to pick up

drunks or others who are creating a disturbance, to take your sick or injured child to a doctor or hospital, to escort funerals, serve summons and numerous other things to carry on the duties of the Police Department.

A car is very necessary and is your best insurance policy.

Another article to be voted on for the Police Department is to accept Chap. 41, Sec. 97A of the General Laws.

This chapter makes the chief responsible for all town property of his department and allows him to make up rules and regulations governing the men in the department. These rules and regulations are subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

I desire to thank His Honor, Judge Martin F. Connally, the Associate Justices, Clerk of Court, the Probation Officers, the District Attorney, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Principals of the Merrimac Schools, the Superintendents of the Streets, Light and Water Departments and the Citizens of the Town for their kindly cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY

Chief of Police

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## REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Number of alarms ..... 47

Fire Loss .....\$1,375.00

The Department's portable generator and flood lights were put to very good use during the hurricane disaster to run food freezers, milking machines, etc.

We wish to thank all Town Officials and citizens for their cooperation and support.

We recommend that the sum of Four Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) be appropriated for the salaries and general maintenance of the Department.

We also recommend that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of fire hose.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BUZZELL, Sr.

GLEN I. BLACKDEN

JOHN H. HUGHES

Board of Fire Engineers

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## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1954 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$126,359.83
Receipts to January 1, 1955 .....	526,595.37
	—————\$652,955.20
Payments on warrants 1954 .....	\$545,822.06
Balance, January 1, 1955 .....	107,133.14
	—————\$652,955.20

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy C. Journeay

Town Treasurer



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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1954.

The Board was organized this year as follows:

Chairman, Clifford R. Howe

Clerk, Edgar P. Sargent

Member, Alvin F. Heath

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the town which was used in computing the 1954 tax rate of \$74.00.

### 1954 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriations .....	\$354,940.99
Overlay Deficits .....	1,345.56
State Parks & Reservations .....	503.09
State Audit of Accounts .....	1,244.93
County Tax .....	6,275.54
T. B. Hospital Assessment .....	3,302.28
Underestimates for 1953 .....	774.42
Overlay for 1954 .....	9,330.48
Total Amount to be Raised .....	\$377,717.29

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax .....	\$ 28,685.06
Corporation Taxes .....	10,153.35
Old Age Tax (Meals) .....	1,505.89
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	19,739.33
Licenses .....	1,287.00
Fines .....	82.00
General Government .....	948.00
Protection of Persons & Property .....	66.20
Health & Sanitation .....	183.50
Charities .....	6,966.56

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Old Age Assistance .....	25,113.55
Veterans Services .....	1,026.44
Schools .....	3,153.41
Libraries .....	143.50
Public Service Enterprises .....	14,946.27
Cemeteries .....	736.00
State Assistance School Const. ....	10,992.71
Overestimates for 1953 .....	151.00
Available Funds .....	61,300.00
Total Estimated Receipts .....	<u>\$187,179.77</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation .....	\$190,537.52
Poll Taxes .....	\$ 1,802.00
Personal Property Taxes .....	17,851.02
Real Estate Taxes .....	170,884.50
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED .....	<u>\$190,537.52</u>

TAX RATE    \$74.00 per M

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Value of Real Estate .....	\$1,893,690
Value of Personal Prop. ....	241,230
Number of Polls .....	901
Value of Automobiles .....	566,200
Number of Automobiles .....	1,356
Number of Horses .....	20
Number of Cows .....	219
Number of other animals .....	50
Number of Fowl .....	6,980
Number of Houses .....	801
Number of Acres of Land .....	4,468

We wish at this time to direct your attention to the special article in the 1955 warrant requesting an appropriation for a complete revaluation of all taxable real estate in the town.

We feel that with the yearly increasing costs of government, the assurance of a fair and equalized base for

taxation is becoming more and more necessary. The Board is in complete agreement as to the very great need for the project and we approve of this article unanimously.

We earnestly hope that the voters of Merrimac will consider this expenditure worthy of their support.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD R. HOWE

EDGAR P. SARGENT

ALVIN F. HEATH

Board of Assessors

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## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their co-operation during the past year.

### 1951 Personal

1-1-54		Cash	\$ 51.20
Outstanding	\$ 64.00	Abatements	12.80
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	\$ 64.00		\$ 64.00

### 1952 Personal

1-1-54		Cash	\$2,043.04
Outstanding	\$3,681.44	Journal Credit	17.44
		Abatements	349.60



		Outstanding	1,271.36
	<u>\$3,681.44</u>		<u>\$3,681.44</u>

1952 Real Estate

1-1-54		Cash	\$5,161.33
Outstanding	\$5,417.25	Abatements	419.52
Refunds	153.00		
Journal Debit	10.60		
	<u>\$5,680.85</u>		<u>\$5,680.85</u>

1953 Poll

1-1-54		Cash	\$ 66.00
Outstanding	\$ 98.00	Abatements	22.00
		Outstanding	10.00
	<u>\$ 98.00</u>		<u>\$ 98.00</u>

1953 Personal

1-1-54		Cash	\$ 741.75
Outstanding	\$4,235.00	Abatements	140.00
		Outstanding	3,353.25
	<u>\$4,235.00</u>		<u>\$4,235.00</u>

1953 Real Estate

1-1-54		Cash	\$15,534.31
Outstanding	\$23,857.25	Abatements	997.65
Journal Debit	63.10	Tax Title	208.60
Refunds	154.00	Outstanding	7,333.79
	<u>\$24,074.35</u>		<u>\$24,074.35</u>

1954 Poll

Commitment	\$1,714.00	Cash	\$1,170.00
Late Comm.	88.00	Abatements	96.00

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To be refunded	2.00	Over 65 Exempt	268.00
		Outstanding	270.00
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	\$1,804.00		\$1,804.00

**1953 Excise**

1-1-54		Cash	\$7,314.93
Outstanding	\$3,927.73	Abatements	2,072.66
Refunds	168.91	Outstanding	859.72
'53 Comm. made			
in 1954	6,140.67		
Journal Debit	10.00		
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	\$10,247.31		\$10,247.31

**1954 Excise**

Seven Commit.	\$20,402.85	Cash	\$17,540.72
Refunds	300.15	Abatements	705.02
		Outstanding	2,457.26
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	\$20,703.00		\$20,703.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEY,

Tax Collector

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**REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION  
FOR THE YEAR 1954**

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Playground Commission wishes to make this report for the year of 1954.

Supervised play was conducted at the playground for the first time this year with much success, there was a

daily average of 47 children present, to take advantage of this project.

The Little League playing field was made over the filter bed to put this land back into use and not disturb the large baseball field. Loam and seed had to be bought for this job. The field was leveled and rolled. A fence was erected in the outfield without cost to the Town. The field behind the fence was seeded and developed into two Volley ball courts and four Badmitten courts, two Horse Shoe courts.

The Swings and Teeters were moved to the rear of the Bleachers so the children would not get hurt during the baseball games. A large sandbox was installed in this area by the Lions Club, this was used most of the time by the small children. A bench was also installed for the use of mothers waiting for the children at play.

A Gridiron was laid out at the rear of the large field, this was used last fall by the local team with much enjoyment. Goal posts were erected and the field layed out with the help of the boys of the football team. Thanks Boys.

On account of the heavy rain fall this past year, there was the extra heavy growth of grass that took more man-hours to mow and keep in shape. We feel that Mr. Gilmore did a splendid job.

We at this time wish to thank the towns people for their interest, the School Committee for use of the school facilities for supervised play, and the Lions Club for their financial aid to make the project possible.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE STEVENS, Chairman

MERRILL B. SMITH, Clerk

GEORGE CURRIER

ALEXANDER SULLIVAN

HENRY D. LAY

Playground Commission

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Merrimac, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1954:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded .....	49
Males .....	27
Females .....	22
Father, Native Born .....	49
Mother, Native Born .....	48
Father and Mother, both Native Born .....	48
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born .....	0
Mixed Parentage .....	1

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded .....	47
First Marriage of Groom .....	41
First Marriage of Bride .....	36
Grooms, Native Born .....	46
Brides, Native Born .....	47
Grooms, Foreign Born .....	1
Brides, Foreign Born .....	0
Average Age of Groom .....	26 years, 4 months, 18 days
Average Age of Bride .....	24 years, 9 months, 13 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded .....	15
Males .....	8
Females .....	7
Under 5 years .....	0



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Males, Native Born .....	6
Females, Native Born .....	4
Of Native Parentage .....	7
Of Mixed Parentage .....	3
Average Age .....	64 years, 6 months, 27 days
Oldest Person .....	88 years, 8 months, 15 days

### LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed .....	217
Males .....	199
Females .....	18
Kennel Licenses .....	4
Sporting Licenses Issued .....	272
Minors Sporting Licenses Issued .....	31

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their seventy-eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The total number of volumes borrowed during the past year were 7,948, of which 1,690 were non-fiction and 1,286 were juvenile.

The monthly deliveries were as follows:

January	753	July	519
February	677	August	496
March	748	September	671
April	709	October	698
May	718	November	803
June	659	December	497

The fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$103.39.

The Mass. State Division of Public Libraries loaned us 25 non-fiction books. We had the loan of 92 books from the Merrimac Valley Loan Library, most of which were non-fiction. We will continue to have these books during the coming year.

A total of 213 new books were added to the Library during the year, 159 were by purchase, and 54 were gifts.

The financial report will be included in the Town Accountant's report to avoid repetition.

Your Trustees recommend the sum of \$1,500.00 to be appropriated for the coming year, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. ECKERT

ALVIN F. HEATH

BARBARA N. ADAMS

OLIVE S. WILDE

BURNELL S. O'BRIEN

CHARLES M. TIBBETTS

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their fiftieth Annual Report for the fiscal year 1954.

Thirty-one services were installed during the year making a total of 751 active services.

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**Estimates for the Ensuing Year**

Gross Expenses of Operating .....	\$24,000.00
Construction .....	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$28,000.00

**Estimated Income**

Water Rates .....	\$13,500.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	500.00
	<hr/> \$14,000.00

**Expended for Construction**

Debt Payment—Birchmeadow Ext. \$	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 2,000.00

**Expended for Maintenance**

Maintenance and Repairs .....	\$ 6,753.49
Power and Fuel .....	2,953.55
Station Supplies and Expenses .....	225.72
Station Wages .....	3,639.68
Salary of Superintendent .....	1,287.60
Office Salary .....	1,185.84
Office Expense .....	369.48
Truck Expense .....	431.53
Insurance .....	1,335.94
	<hr/> \$18,182.83

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Total Expended for Const. & Maint.	\$20,182.83
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**Monthly Pumping Report**

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January .....	861,000	242

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February .....	788,000	220
March .....	795,000	224
April .....	828,000	233
May .....	879,000	247
June .....	1,038,000	285
July .....	1,183,000	323
August .....	934,000	257
September .....	1,047,000	346
October .....	879,000	236
November .....	767,000	206
December .....	763,000	196

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Total Gallons and Hours Pumped	10,762,000	3015
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### Water Estimated Receipts

Town Appropriation .....	\$24,000.00	
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Water Rates Collected .....	\$13,848.00	
Miscellaneous Income .....	531.79	
Revenue Deficit .....	9,620.21	
	<hr/>	\$24,000.00

### Balance Sheet

#### Accounts Receivable:

Rates .....	\$ 3,704.82	
Miscellaneous .....	1,202.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,907.44

#### Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Water .....	\$ 4,907.44	
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ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY L. WALLACE

ROBERT C. YOUNG

Board of Water Commissioners



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

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The Municipal Light Board herein submit their fiftieth Annual Report for the fiscal year 1954.

### Estimate of Expenses

Gross Expense of Operating .....	\$ 70,000.00
Depreciation (3 % on \$152,767.37) .....	4,583.02
	<hr/> \$ 74,583.02

### Estimated Income

From Private Consumers .....	\$ 80,000.00
From Municipal Buildings .....	997.41
From Street Lights .....	6,737.38
	<hr/> \$ 87,734.79

### Cost of Construction

Substation Equipment .....	\$ 34,594.51
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead	
Conductors .....	63,371.78
Meters .....	13,525.33
Transformers .....	26,084.99
Street Light Equipment .....	5,812.00
Transportation Equipment .....	9,378.76
	<hr/> \$152,767.37

### Expended for Operating Expenses

Electric Energy Purchased .....	\$ 42,872.19
Station Wages .....	705.49
Meter and Transformer Operation .....	2,636.51
Maint. Transmission & Dist. Lines .....	10,922.46
Operation and Maintenance of	
Street Lights .....	519.62

Commercial Salaries and Expenses	1,783.62	
Salary of Manager .....	2,575.20	
Office Salaries .....	2,372.32	
General Office Supplies and Exp....	766.32	
Insurance .....	206.18	
Transportation Expense .....	1,059.64	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	249.33	
		<hr/> \$ 66,668.88

### Expended for Construction

Construction and Materials .....	\$ 8,261.34	
Meters .....	159.00	
Transformers .....	794.00	
		<hr/> \$ 9,214.34
Transportation Equipment .....	\$ 5,401.66	\$ 5,401.68
Debt .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
Refund on Consumers' Deposits ...	240.00	240.00
Depreciation (Deposited in Savings account) .....	1,125.00	1,125.00
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Total Expenditures		\$ 84,652.90

### Balance Sheet

Construction and Operating Fund	
January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 13,120.83
Consumers' Deposit Fund	
January 1, 1954 .....	1,564.38
Depreciation Fund Jan. 1, 1954.....	10,407.52
Received from Light & Power Sales	79,002.27
Received from Miscellaneous Sales	317.56
Received Town Appropriations.....	9,103.56
Interest Income .....	354.63
Consumers' Deposits .....	300.00
	<hr/> \$114,170.75
Construction, Materials and	
Renewals .....	\$ 9,214.34
Maintenance & Operating Expense	66,668.88

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Transportation Equipment .....	5,401.68
Debt .....	2,000.00
Consumers' Deposits Refunded .....	240.00
Depreciation Fund .....	11,830.37
Construction and Operating Fund	
December 31, 1954 .....	17,134.32
Consumers' Deposit Fund	
December 31, 1954 .....	1,681.16
	<hr/> \$114,170.75

ULYSSES N. CORSON

RAY L. WALLACE

ROBERT C. YOUNG

The Municipal Light Board

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections, and issued the following licenses for the year 1954:

License for sale of Oleomargarine—11 .....	\$ 5.50
Store licenses for the sale of milk and cream—14 .....	\$ 7.00
Vehicle licenses for sale of milk and cream—9 .....	\$ 4.50
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	\$17.00

A total of 34 licenses at \$.50, \$17.00 collected.

Number of barns inspected .....	26
Number of cattle inspected .....	242
Number of swine inspected .....	6
Number of horses inspected .....	28
Number of goats inspected .....	32
Inspection of slaughtering .....	3



Number of sheep inspected .....	24
Inspections for the State Division of Livestock Disease Control to check on new arrivals of dairy cattle from outside of State .....	2
Animals quarantined .....	None

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HUTCHINS,

Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit the following report: that I have caught and confined the following dogs:

FEMALE

January 8 .....	\$ 6.50
January 23 .....	6.50
February 1 .....	6.50
February 3 .....	6.50
March 11 .....	6.50
April 21 .....	6.50
June 5 .....	6.50
June 20 .....	6.50
July 3 .....	6.50
July 18 .....	6.50
July 20 .....	6.50
September 18 .....	6.50
November 17 .....	6.50
December 8 .....	6.50

MALE

January 3 .....	6.50
January 12 .....	6.50
March 31 .....	6.50



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May 3 .....	6.50
May 24 .....	6.50
August 4 .....	6.50
August 30 .....	6.50
October 3 .....	6.50
October 25 .....	6.50
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	\$ 149.50

I have also returned several dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. LAMB

Dog Officer

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## REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following is the report of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1954;

I have during the year inspected and sealed the following Scales and Balances;

Over 10,000 lbs.	1	100 to 5,000lbs.	8
Under 100 lbs.	28	Weights	27
Meters (Gasoline)	21	Vehicle Tanks	6
Bulk Storage	1	Oil, Grease	5

I would like to at this time thank the Merchants of the Town for their cooperation in this work at the time of the inspection and the checks back.

Also Mr. O'Brien the sealer at Newburyport for the use of the Test Tank for the Oil Trucks.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL B. SMITH

Sealer of Weights and Measures

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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To the Citizens and the Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Cemetery Trustees wish to submit the following report for the year 1954.

During the past year sections of roads in the Locust Grove Cemetery have been reconditioned under the supervision of Mr. Haight, the Cemetery Superintendent.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen and the Tree Warden for their cooperation in removal of trees damaged by the Hurricane.

We extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. LAY

EVERETT A. HAIGHT

ARTHUR R. CLARK, Sr.

Trustees of Cemeteries

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following report is submitted by the Trustees of Kimball Park for the year 1954.

Received for Active Account .....	\$ 44.00
Expended on grounds in 1954 .....	44.00

### TRUST FUNDS

Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1954 .....	\$2,089.11
Interest Weed Fund 1954 .....	57.83
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1954 .....	1,020.13

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Interest Kimball Fund 1954 .....	27.78
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	\$3,194.85
Withdrawn from Weed Fund 1954 .....	\$ 10.00
Withdrawn from Kimball Fund 1954 .....	34.00
Balance Weed Fund January 1, 1955 .....	2,136.94
Balance Kimball Fund January 1, 1955 .....	1,013.91
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	\$3,194.85

We wish to thank everyone who has helped at the park during the past year in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. SELBY

CECIL L. DRESSLER

HENRY D. LAY

Trustees of Kimball Park

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## REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Public Welfare organized with the following members:

Chairman

J. Arthur Ollis

Clerk

Ellen M. Wallace

Member

Hazen M. Emery

The Board with the same officers, administered Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance.

We recommend that due to the uncertain number of



recipients in 1955 that the following appropriations be made in the Annual March meeting.

Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 40,000.00
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	8,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	4,000.00

As we are forced to meet State and Federal requirements in these types of aid, it is needless to state that we have carried on our work as economically as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ARTHUR OLLIS

ELLEN M. WALLACE

HAZEN M. EMERY

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare

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## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, I submit the Public Health Nurse's report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

I report that I have, to the best of my ability, cared for and treated all persons brought to my attention by Mrs. Harriet Bigelow and by the doctors of the Town.

I have turned over to the Town the fees obtained of all paying patients and received receipts for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILE C. SAGRENT, R. N.

Public Health Nurse



REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES 1954

Town of Merrimac:  
Merrimac, Mass.  
To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:  
I hereby Submit my report for the year 1954.  
Inspection of Entrance Charges ..... 15  
Resident Inspection ..... 42  
New Service Inspection ..... 18  
Out Door Signs ..... 4  
Oil Burner Inspection ..... 18  
Gas Station Inspection ..... 5  
Fires Caused by Defective Wiring ..... 0

I wish to thank Mr. Irving Burbeck, and Fire Chief, Mr. George Buzzell, with the Citizens of the Town for their Co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,  
ULYSSES N. CORSON  
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE ....

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:  
Report of the Town Forest Committee for the year ending 1954.  
Mowed fire lanes, cleared brush on 10 acres of  
pine .....\$400.00  
Sold 1½ cords of wood and turned the money over to the town.

Respectfully submitted.  
HAROLD C. LAMB  
RUSSELL B. KELLY  
SAMUEL C. DOUST  
Town Forest Committee

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all financial transactions for the past year.

I thank you and all the other Town Officials who have helped me during the part of the past year that I have been with you and also wish to thank the Division of Corporations and Taxation, especially the Bureau of Accounts, for their help and advice during this same period.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING,

Town Accountant

**Receipts—General**

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**Taxes:****Current year:**

Poll, Personal, Real Estate .....\$145,025.73

**Previous Years:**

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1953 ... 16,342.06

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1952 ... 7,060.47

Poll, Personal, Real Estate 1951 ... 51.20

—————\$168,479.46

Tax Title Redemptions ..... 486.17

Special State Taxes from the Commonwealth

Income Tax .....\$ 11,766.04

Corporation and Business Tax ..... 9,535.30

—————\$ 21,301.34

**Total from Taxes .....\$190,266.97**

## Licenses and Permits:

Liquor licenses .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Other licenses and permits .....	245.75	
Trailer Park Fees & Licenses .....	1,209.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 2,454.75

## Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines .....	\$ 209.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 209.00

## Grants and Gifts:

Town Clerk, Dogs .....	\$ 488.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 488.00

Total from Licenses, Permits, Fines, Forfeits, Grants and Gifts .....	\$ 3,151.75
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## Privileges:

Excise 1954 .....	\$ 17,540.72	
Excise 1953 .....	7,314.93	
Excise 1952 .....	20.72	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 24,876.37

## Interest:

1954 .....	\$ 43.40	
1953 .....	468.54	
1952 .....	462.06	
Added to Tax Titles .....	68.10	
Releases and Recordings .....	14.00	
Interest 1951 .....	3.80	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,059.90

Total from Privileges and Interest .....	\$ 25,936.27
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## TOTAL FROM GENERAL REVENUE

RECEIPTS .....	\$219,354.99
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### Receipts—Commercial Revenue

#### General Government:

Rent of Hall .....	\$	55.00	
Rent of Officers .....		1,134.68	
			\$ 1,189.68

#### Protection of Persons & Property:

Sealers Fees .....	\$	78.95	
			\$ 78.95

#### Health:

Health Nurse Fees .....	\$	87.00	
Insp. of Animals .....		50.00	
			\$ 137.00

#### Public Library:

Fines .....	\$	114.63	
Trust Funds .....		430.48	
			\$ 545.11

#### Highways:

Town Hire Road Machinery .....	\$	1,574.75	
Commonwealth of Mass. ....		7,882.35	
County .....		1,500.00	
Rentals .....		34.00	
			\$ 10,991.10

#### Kimball Park:

Trust Funds .....	\$	44.00	
			\$ 44.00

#### Cemeteries:

Sale of Lots .....	\$	975.00	
Care and Opening Graves .....		884.00	
New Trust Funds .....		2,100.00	
Withdrawal from Funds .....		1,819.00	
			\$ 5,778.00

#### Charities:

Aid to Dependent Children,



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Comm. of Mass. ....	\$ 4,652.27	
U. S. Grant .....	5,871.23	
U. S. Grant Admx. ....	408.52	
Refunds .....	38.81	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,970.83

Veterans Benefits .....	\$ 533.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 533.92

## Temporary Aid:

Cities and Towns .....	\$ 119.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 119.20

## Old Age Assistance:

U. S. Grant .....	\$ 31,452.34	
U. S. Grant Admx. ....	1,271.68	
Cities and Towns .....	1,019.23	
Comm. of Mass. ....	24,463.48	
Individuals .....	606.44	
Meal Tax .....	1,775.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 60,588.68

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**Public Service Enterprises**


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## Light:

Consumers Deposits .....	\$ 346.78	
Sale of Light .....	77,617.42	
Sale of Power .....	10,498.41	
Misc. Sales .....	317.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 88,780.17

## Water:

Meter Rates .....	\$ 13,848.00	
Misc. Sales .....	531.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,379.79

## School:

Athletic Fund .....	\$ 320.90	
Lunch Program .....	12,167.21	

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Reimb. for School Construction	10,992.71	
Dog Refund .....	460.68	
Transportation .....	4,731.93	
School & Chap. 70 .....	18,933.33	
Supt. ....	933.33	
Vocational .....	741.68	
Tuition .....	2,103.12	
		<hr/> \$ 51,384.89

## Disability Assistance:

Comm. of Mass. ....	\$	155.09	
U. S. Grant .....		350.00	
U. S. Grant & State Admx. ....		68.02	
			<hr/> \$ 573.11

Total from Commercial Revenue .....	\$246,094.43
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### Miscellaneous Receipts

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Withholding Tax .....	\$ 18,090.89
Reimbursement	
Treasurers Expense	45.51
Sale of Wood .....	15.00
Sale of Sprayer Parts	5.00
State Tax .....	4,030.00
Refund School Over-	
payment .....	19.23
Vending Machine .....	6.00
Hurricane Reimburse-	
ment .....	17,244.09
Guaranteed Deposits	1,000.00
Cemetery Restitution	389.02
Refund Check Asses-	
sors Expense .....	89.05
Water Main Loans .....	19,000.00
Premium Sale Water	
Bonds .....	22.80

Interest Light Bond		
Sale .....	7.92	
Tuition .....	392.60	
Insurance Claim		
Power Saw .....	245.15	
Income General Cash	126.13	
Interest Thos. Hoyt		
Library .....	375.00	
Insurance Refund .....	19.68	
Refund Trans. Tax .....	8.95	
Interest Light Loan .....	12.10	
Treasurer D. A. Re-		
fund .....	1.26	
Interest .....	.57	
		<hr/> \$ 61,145.95
Total from General Revenue, Commercial		
Revenue and Non-Revenue and Miscel-		
laneous Receipts .....		\$526,595.37
Cash Balance January 1, 1954 .....		126,359.83
		<hr/> \$652,955.20

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### Expenditures

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#### General Government:

Moderator, Salary ...\$	12.00	
		<hr/> \$ 12.00

#### Selectmen's Salaries:

Chairman .....	\$ 325.00	
Clerk .....	200.00	
Member .....	150.00	
		<hr/> \$ 675.00

#### Selectmen's Expenses:

Printing & Postage\$	110.83	
Transportation .....	31.66	

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Other Expenses .....	156.25		
		—————\$	298.74
Accountant's Salary .....	\$ 3,380.00		
		—————\$	3,380.00
Clerk's Salary .....	\$ 65.00		
		—————\$	65.00
Accountants Expense:			
Printing & Postage \$	62.05		
Other Expenses .....	58.15		
		—————\$	120.20
Treasurer Salary:			
Salary .....	\$ 750.00		
		—————\$	750.00
Treasurer Expense:			
Printing & Postage \$	359.09		
Cert. Bonds .....	\$ 38.00		
Other Expenses .....	66.99		
		—————\$	464.08
Tax Collectors Salary			
1953 .....	\$ 57.61		
		—————\$	57.61
Tax Collectors Salary			
1954 .....	2,200.00		
		—————\$	2,200.00
Tax Collectors Expense:			
Printing & Postage \$	492.14		
Other Expenses .....	87.25		
		—————\$	579.39
Assessors Salaries:			
Chairman .....	\$ 600.00		
Clerk .....	280.00		
Member .....	250.00		
		—————\$	1,130.00
Assessors Expense:			
Printing & Postage \$	329.16		



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Transportation .....	43.85		
Other Expenses .....	509.48		
		—————\$	882.49
Town Clerk Salary .....	\$ 450.00		
		—————\$	450.00
Town Clerk Expenses:			
Printing & Postage \$	169.35		
Other Expenses .....	30.65		
		—————\$	200.00
Registrars Salaries:			
Chairman .....	\$ 100.00		
Other 3 (each \$50)	150.00		
		—————\$	250.00
Election Officers:			
Wages and Meals ...\$	364.64		
		—————\$	364.64
Janitors Salary Town Hall:			
Salary .....	\$ 240.00		
		—————\$	240.00
Town Hall Maintenance:			
Openings .....	\$ 56.00		
Telephone .....	187.30		
Fuel .....	733.50		
Light .....	1.15		
Jan. Supplies .....	25.53		
Other Expenses .....	191.90		
		—————\$	1,195.38
Town Hall Repairs:			
Repairs to Building and Windows .....	\$ 166.89		
		—————\$	166.89
Repairs in or on or around Town Hall:			
Painting Hall .....	\$ 3,600.00		
		—————\$	3,600.00

## Bonding Town Officers:

Deputy .....	\$	5.00	
Collector .....		259.50	
Treasurer .....		131.50	
Town Clerk .....		5.00	
			—————\$ 401.00

## Water in Town Buildings:

Meter Readings .....	\$	514.44	
			—————\$ 514.44

## Lighting Town Buildings:

Meter Readings .....	\$	1,509.56	
			—————\$ 1,509.56

## Registrar's Expenses:

Road Work .....	\$	130.00	
Printing .....		206.70	
			—————\$ 336.70

Total for General Government .....	\$	19,843.12
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**Protection of Persons and Property**

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## Police:

Chief .....	\$	3,073.00	
Night Patrol .....		2,677.00	
Specials .....		1,995.63	
Telephone .....		289.01	
Office Supplies .....		126.17	
Trans. Meals .....		665.91	
Matron .....		20.00	
Dues .....		10.00	
Weapons .....		164.68	
Misc. Supplies .....		44.17	
Warrants .....		8.00	
			—————\$ 9,073.57

## Fire Engineers Salaries:

Chief .....	\$	300.00
Clerk .....		200.00
Member .....		150.00
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	\$	650.00

Fire Department:

Stewards .....	\$ 110.00
Truck Mechanic .....	25.00
Superintendent Alarms .....	150.00
Call Men .....	2,425.00
Office supplies .....	161.26
Wiping rags .....	5.35
Telephones .....	252.79
Fuel .....	610.92
Gasoline .....	135.12
Repairs .....	147.41
Other expenses .....	366.26
	<hr/> \$ 4,389.11

### Purchase Fire Truck:

Bill for truck .....	\$ 9,985.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 9,985.00

Dog Officer Salary:

Salary .....	\$	100.00
	<u>          </u>	\$ 100.00

Inspector of Wiring:

Salary .....	\$	90.00
Transportation .....		5.00
	<u>\$</u>	95.00

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary .....	\$	150.00
Expenses .....		24.70
	<u>          </u>	\$ 174.70

## Dutch Elm Disease:

Superintendent .....	\$	614.00	
Laborers .....		705.75	
Trucks .....		184.00	
Supplies .....		319.14	
Burying trees .....		197.36	
Parts for saw .....		79.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,100.00

## Moth Department:

Superintendent .....	\$	199.36	
Laborers .....		240.14	
Trucks .....		95.00	
Sprayer .....		300.00	
Gas and Oil .....		14.07	
Spray .....		20.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 868.97

## Tree Warden:

Salary, Warden .....	\$	76.11	
Laborers .....		424.38	
Trucks .....		102.00	
Equipment .....		345.00	
Other expense and supplies .....		350.71	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,298.20

## Forest Fire Warden:

Labor .....	\$	178.00	
Supplies .....		21.35	
		<hr/>	\$ 199.35

## Dog Officer's Fees:

Fees .....	\$	149.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 149.50

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Protection of Persons and Property .....	\$	29,083.40
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**Health and Sanitation**

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**Board of Health:**

Dog burials .....	\$	33.00	
Box for asphyxiation .....		27.00	
Board and care .....		547.50	
Miscellaneous .....		2.96	
Dump .....		83.00	
Signs .....		12.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 705.46

**Vital Statistics:**

Births & Deaths recorded .....	\$	141.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 141.00

**Health Nurse:**

Salary .....	\$	1,200.00	
Expenses .....		86.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,286.25

**Inspector of Animals:**

Salary .....	\$	100.00	
Transportation .....		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 105.00

**Inspector of Slaughtering:**

Salary .....	\$	20.00	
Transportation .....		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

**Inspector of Milk:**

Salary .....	\$	20.00	
Transportation .....		5.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 25.00

Total for Health and Sanitation .....	\$	2,287.71	
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### Charities

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#### Welfare Agent:

Salary .....	\$ 2,640.00	
	\$	2,640.00

#### Welfare Board:

Chairman, Salary .....	\$ 200.00	
Clerk, Salary .....	200.00	
Member, Salary .....	100.00	
	\$	500.00

#### Welfare Department:

Cash .....	\$ 1,589.87	
Groceries and Provisions .....	796.22	
Medical .....	729.01	
State Institution .....	319.73	
Other cities and towns .....	281.09	
Clothing .....	88.25	
Moving and Transportation .....	159.37	
Other Expenses .....	245.78	
	\$	4,209.32

#### Disability Assistance:

Cash .....	\$ 300.05	
Medical .....	44.75	
	\$	344.80

#### Disability Assistance, U.S.:

Cash .....	\$ 1,150.64	
Medical .....	103.01	
	\$	1,253.65

#### Disability Assistance, Admin., U.S. and State:

Supplies and Transportation .....	\$ 9.17	
	\$	9.17

#### Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash .....	\$ 6,338.30	
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Medical .....	380.47	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 6,718.77
Aid to Dependent Children, U.S.:		
Cash .....	\$ 5,532.80	
Medical .....	535.59	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 6,068.39
Aid to Dependent Children, Admin., U.S.:		
Postage and Transportation .....	\$ 88.39	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 88.39
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash .....	\$ 28,998.25	
Medical .....	3,928.81	
Other Cities and Towns .....	2,445.26	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 35,372.32
Old Age Assistance, U.S.:		
Cash .....	\$ 29,656.76	
Medical .....	3,323.15	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 32,979.91
Old Age, Admin., U.S.:		
Postage, supplies & Trans. ....	\$ 321.13	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 321.13
Veterans Service Officer Salary:		
Salary .....	\$ 249.96	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 249.96
Veterans Service Officer Expense:		
Office expense and Trans. ....	\$ 118.15	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 118.15
Soldiers' Benefits:		
Cash .....	\$ 793.82	
Fuel .....	48.00	
Medical .....	93.35	
Transportation of Patients .....	10.00	

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Burial .....	148.00	
		\$ 1,093.17
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Total for Charities .....		\$ 91,967.13

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### Schools and Library

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#### School Committee:

Salary, Chairman .....	\$ 50.00	
Salary, Clerk .....	75.00	
Salary, Member .....	50.00	
		\$ 175.00

#### School Department:

Paid in 1954 and		
Itemized in School Report .....	\$107,147.25	
		\$107,147.25

#### Vocational Aid:

Transportation .....	\$ 208.75	
Tuition .....	1,783.08	
		\$ 1,991.83

#### Public Library:

Librarian .....	\$ 700.00	
Janitor .....	200.00	
Books and Periodicals .....	585.63	
Miscellaneous .....	33.98	
Postage .....	2.54	
Fuel .....	333.44	
Binding .....	19.95	
Repairs .....	36.80	
		\$ 1,912.34

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Total for Schools and Library .....	\$111,226.42
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**Recreation and Unclassified**

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**Town Forest:**

Labor, Superintendent .....	\$	318.00	
Truck .....		16.00	
Weed Killer .....		66.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 400.00

**Playground:**

Miscellaneous .....	\$	40.26	
Wages .....		808.00	
Sweeper .....		41.95	
Roller .....		15.33	
Paint .....		19.74	
Swing Brackets .....		9.00	
Little League field .....		455.55	
Repairs, Mowers .....		37.80	
Rolling field .....		65.00	
Loam .....		24.00	
Gasoline .....		7.95	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,524.58

**Salaries, Instructors at Playground:**

Salaries .....	\$	600.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 600.00
Rental Legion Quarters .....	\$	300.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 300.00

**Memorial Day:**

Band .....	\$	230.00	
Speaker .....		10.00	
Flags .....		27.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 267.50

**Insurance:**

Town Blanket .....	\$	1,049.11	
Public Liability .....		174.39	

Workmen's Compensation .....	1,760.99	
Fire Tractor .....	81.13	
Fire Trucks .....	194.13	
Fire Accident .....	218.75	
Center school .....	100.00	
Truck .....	10.50	
Holdup .....	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,606.50

## Printing Town Reoprts:

Printing costs .....	\$ 594.00	
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## Planning Board Expense:

Office expenses .....	\$ 20.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.30

## Regional School Planning Board Expenses:

Printing .....	\$ 317.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 317.84

## Kimball Park:

Labor .....	\$ 44.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 44.00

## Civil Defense:

Salary of Clerk .....	\$ 1,275.00	
Telephone .....	169.82	
Radio receiver .....	84.34	
Postage .....	24.00	
Medical supplies .....	83.82	
First Aid equipment .....	116.06	
Miscellaneous .....	113.91	
Operation Alert .....	21.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,888.27

## Essex County Retirement Board:

Bill for system .....	\$ 4,548.49	
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\$ 4,548.49

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Total for Recreation and Unclassified .....\$ 14,111.48

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### Enterprises and Cemeteries

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#### Water Extension, Emery Street:

Materials .....	\$	6,263.85
Valves .....		615.23
Labor .....		1,395.16
Shovel .....		361.20
Backfill .....		280.25
Gasoline .....		15.30
	\$	8,930.99

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#### Water Extension, Ridgefield Road:

Vales, pipe, materias .....	\$	1,383.05
Labor .....		54.78
	\$	1,437.83

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#### Water Extension, Belmore Road:

Pipe and Materials .....	\$	1,005.00
Labor .....		71.78
	\$	1,076.78

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#### Street Light, Hadley Road:

Labor .....	\$	328.74
Materials .....		940.88
	\$	1,269.62

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#### Water Extension, Birch Meadow Road:

Patch .....	\$	123.48
	\$	123.48

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#### Light Commissioners Salary:

3 Members each \$50.00 .....	\$	150.00
	\$	150.00

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## Water Commissioners Salary:

3 Members each \$50.00 .....	\$ 150.00	
	—————	\$ 150.00

## Public Service Enterprises:

Light .....	\$ 84,409.90	
Water .....	20,182.83	
Consumers' Deposits .....	240.00	
	—————	\$104,832.73

## Cemeteries:

Superintendent .....	\$ 2,657.00	
Laborers .....	830.50	
Office expense .....	48.17	
Mowers and sweepers .....	214.23	
Removals .....	74.00	
Equipment .....	28.50	
Motor Expenses .....	147.22	
Tools and supplies .....	342.21	
Seeds and Fertilizer .....	228.00	
Truck hire .....	48.88	
	—————	\$ 4,618.71

## Care, Improvement and Embellishment of Cemeteries:

Labor .....	\$ 60.00	
	—————	\$ 60.00

## Interest:

Light loans .....	\$ 502.50	
School loans .....	7,412.50	
Water loans .....	180.00	
	—————	\$ 8,095.00

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Total for Enterprises and Cemeteries .....\$130,745.14

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### Highways

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## Highways, Thickly Settled:

Salary and Wages .....	\$ 671.98	
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Tractor .....	10.50	
Supplies and Equipment .....	232.02	
Telephone .....	85.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,000.00

## Maintenance, Road Machinery:

Parts for Plows .....	\$ 302.13	
Parts for tractors .....	352.15	
Miscellaneous .....	14.33	
Gas and Oil .....	857.06	
Repairs, Trucks .....	441.22	
Paint .....	13.06	
Welding .....	11.00	
Spreader .....	150.00	
Truck hire .....	9.75	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 2,150.70

## Highways, Chapter 81:

Supt. ....	\$ 1,394.50	
Wages .....	5,245.80	
Equipment Hire .....	1,984.15	
Stone Gravel, etc. ....	1,509.59	
Road Oil & Materials .....	3,386.32	
Culverts .....	281.67	
Town Truck .....	105.97	
Plowing .....	192.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 14,100.00

## Sidewalks, Railings, Bridges:

Laborers .....	\$ 100.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 100.00

## Snow &amp; Washouts:

Supt. ....	\$ 424.50	
Laborers .....	1,466.15	
Town Trucks .....	380.81	
Sidewalk Plow .....	148.00	

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Hired Trucks .....	261.13	
Loader .....	137.00	
Fuel .....	88.61	
Signs .....	1.50	
Salt & Sand .....	528.30	
Plowing .....	64.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,500.00

## Rocks Bridge:

County Assessment .....	\$ 3,646.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,646.19

## Street Lighting:

Reading .....	\$ 7,594.00	
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## Hurricane (Edna):

Gravel & Sand .....	\$ 460.03	
Police Guard .....	351.26	
Highway Labor .....	1,841.93	
Highway Equipment .....	1,377.14	
Truck .....	10.00	
Fire Labor .....	331.75	
Meals .....	38.30	
Equipment, Civil Defense .....	49.11	
First Aid Supplies .....	3.48	
Generator .....	517.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,980.00

## Hurricane (Carol):

Police Trans. ....	\$ 22.26	
Police Labor .....	642.67	
Light Repairing .....	2,673.48	
Saw Hire .....	849.25	
Equipment, Fire & Trees, and other Depts. ....	5,914.55	
Labor .....	10,839.47	

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Radio & Repairs .....	412.00	
Food, Civil Defense .....	6.71	
Civil Defense Equipment .....	8.40	
Police Supplies .....	6.70	
Highway & Tree Warden Equipment .....	1,386.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 22,762.40

## Flexible Drain:

Cost of Apparatus .....	\$ 915.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 915.94

## Highway, Chapter 90:

Salaries .....	\$ 375.00	
Laborers .....	1,193.25	
Truck Hire .....	3,648.13	
Stone, Gravel .....	996.30	
Shovel Grader & Bulldozer .....	2,582.80	
Road Oil .....	1,083.95	
Roller .....	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,999.43

Total for Highways .....	\$ 70,748.66
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### Other Payments

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Real Estate 1952 Refunds .....	\$ 153.00
Real Estate 1953 Refunds .....	154.00
Personal 1954 Refunds .....	37.00
Real Estate 1954 Refunds .....	182.92
Excise 1953 Refunds .....	168.91
Excise 1954 Refunds .....	300.15
Withholding Tax .....	17,871.25
Dog Fees .....	489.80
Trust Funds in Transit .....	2,475.00
State Parks and Reservations .....	501.12

State Auditing .....	1,244.93	
County Taxes .....	6,225.61	
Essex County T. B. Hospital .....	3,332.55	
Purchase Regulators Light Dept. ....	5,880.00	
Stabilization Fund .....	5,000.00	
Premium Sale Water Bonds .....	22.80	
School Construction Building Fund .....	133.72	
School Construction Loan .....	17,000.00	
Guaranteed Deposits .....	1,000.00	
School Athletics, Chapter 658		
Acts 1950 .....	350.63	
School Lunch .....	13,249.61	
Certified to Treasurer, Tax Title		
Foreclosure .....	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 75,809.00
Total Payments 1954 .....		\$545,822.06
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954 .....		\$107,133.14
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		\$652,955.20



## TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Moderator, Salary .....	\$ 12.00	\$	\$	\$	12.00	\$ 12.00	\$
Town Clerk, Salary .....	450.00				450.00	450.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Chairman ....	325.00				325.00	325.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Clerk .....	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Selectmen, Salary, Other Memb.	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Chairman	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Salary, Clerk ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Public Welfare, Sal., Member ..	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Assessors, Salary Chairman .....	600.00				600.00	600.00	
Assessors, Salary, Clerk .....	280.00				280.00	280.00	
Assessors, Sal., Other Member ..	250.00				250.00	250.00	
School Committee, Sal., Chair. ..	50.00				50.00	50.00	
School Committee, Sal., Clerk ..	75.00				75.00	75.00	
School Committee, Sal., Memb.	50.00				50.00	50.00	
Tax Collector, Sal. Bals. \$57.61	2,200.00				2,257.61	2,257.61	
Tree Warden .....	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,298.20	1.80
Light Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each .....	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Water Commissioners, Salary, 3 at \$50.00 each .....	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Treasurer, Salary .....	750.00				750.00	750.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Selectmen, Departmental Ex. ..	400.00				400.00	298.74	101.26
Town Accountant, Salary .....	3,380.00				3,380.00	3,380.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses ....	125.00				125.00	120.20	4.80
Treasurer, Expenses .....	500.00				500.00	464.08	35.92
Tax Collector, Expenses .....	600.00				600.00	579.39	20.61
Assessors, Expenses .....	800.00			89.05	889.05	882.49	6.56
Town Clerk, Expenses .....	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Registrars of Voters, Salary, Chairman .....	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Other 3 members, each 50.00	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Janitor, Town Hall, Salary .....	240.00				240.00	240.00	
Town Hall, Maintenance .....	1,150.00				1,500.00	1,195.38	304.62
Town Hall, Repairs .....	200.00				200.00	166.89	33.11
Bonding Town Officers .....	500.00				500.00	401.00	99.00
Election Officers .....	500.00				500.00	364.64	135.36
Police Department .....	8,733.00	350.00			9,083.00	9,073.57	9.43
Fire Engineers, Chief, Salary ..	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Fire Engineers, Clerk, Salary ..	200.00				200.00	200.00	
Fire Engineers, Member, Salary	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Fire Department .....	4,400.00				4,400.00	4,389.11	10.89
Sealer of W. & M., Salary .....	150.00				150.00	150.00	

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Sealer of W. & M., Expenses ..	35.00				35.00	24.70	10.30
Inspector of Wiring, Salary ....	90.00				90.00	90.00	
Inspector of Wiring, Expenses	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Dog Officer, fees .....	150.00				150.00	149.50	.50
Moth Department .....	869.00				869.00	868.97	.03
Town Forest .....	400.00				400.00	400.00	
Forest Fire Warden .....	200.00				200.00	199.35	.65
Board of Health .....	1,500.00				1,500.00	705.46	794.54
Health Nurse, Sal. and Exp. ....	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,286.25	13.75
Inspector of Animals, Salary ....	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Animals, Exp. ....	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Sal.	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Exp.	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk, Salary .....	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk, Exp. ....	5.00				5.00	5.00	
Snow and Washouts .....	3,500.00				3,500.00	3,500.00	
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges	100.00				100.00	100.00	
Rocks Bridge .....	6,375.00				6,375.00	3,646.19	2,728.81
Street Lights .....	7,594.00				7,594.00	7,594.00	
Public Welfare .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,209.32	790.68
Soldiers Benefits .....	3,500.00				3,500.00	1,093.17	2,406.83
Aid to Dependent Children .....	8,000.00				8,000.00	6,718.77	1,281.23



TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Appropriations	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Old Age Assistance .....	40,000.00				40,000.00	35,372.32	4,627.68
Disability Assistance .....	4,000.00		1,350.00		2,650.00	344.80	2,305.20
School Department .....	107,947.00			460.68	108,407.68	107,147.25	1,260.43
Public Library .....	1,500.00			430.48	1,930.48	1,912.34	18.14
Memorial Day .....	275.00				275.00	267.50	7.50
Vocational Aid .....	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,991.83	8.17
Lighting Town Buildings .....	1,509.56				1,509.56	1,509.56	
Insurance .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	3,606.50	1,393.50
Reserve Fund .....	1,000.00		815.00		185.00		185.00
Interest .....	9,222.50				9,222.50	8,095.00	1,127.50
Cemeteries—Balance \$32.61 ....	3,000.00			1,819.00	4,851.61	4,618.71	232.90
Vital Statistics .....	250.00				250.00	141.00	109.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	514.44				514.44	514.44	
Printing Town Reports .....	594.00				594.00	594.00	
	<u>\$246,205.50</u>						
Art. 7 Playground .....	1,325.00	200.00			1,525.00	1,524.58	.42
Art. 9 Repairs, Tax Possess. ..	100.00				100.00		100.00
Art. 10 Hi'ways Thickly Settl'd	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Art. 11 Registrars' Expense ....	650.00				650.00	336.70	313.30



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## OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Real Estate 1952 .....				153.00	153.00	153.00	
Real Estate 1953 .....				154.00	154.00	154.00	
Personal 1954 .....				37.00	37.00	37.00	
Real 1954 .....				182.92	182.92	182.92	
Excise 1953 .....				168.91	168.91	168.91	
Excise 1954 .....				300.15	300.15	300.15	
Withholding Tax .....				17,871.25	17,871.25	17,871.25	
Dog Fees .....				489.80	489.80	489.80	
Consumers' Deposits .....	1,564.38			356.78	1,921.16	240.00	1,681.16
Trust Funds in Transit .....				2,475.00	2,475.00	2,475.00	
State Parks .....				501.12	501.12	501.12	
Auditing .....				1,244.93	1,244.93	1,244.93	
County Taxes .....				6,225.61	6,225.61	6,225.61	
Essex County T. B. Hospital ....				3,332.55	3,332.55	3,332.55	
Light Department .....				5,880.00	5,880.00	5,880.00	
Stabilization Fund .....				5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Premium Sale Water Bonds .....				22.80	22.80	22.80	
Guaranteed Deposits .....				1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
School Athletics .....				350.63	350.63	350.63	
School Lunch .....				13,249.61	13,249.61	13,249.61	

Appropriations	Balances	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balances
Accountant, Clerk Expense .....		65.00			65.00	65.00	
Disability Assistance U.S. ....	2,366.64			350.00	2,716.64	1,253.65	1,462.99
Disability Assistance Adm. ....	204.67			53.02	257.69	9.17	248.52
A. D. C. U.S. ....	1,771.09			5,902.81	7,673.90	6,068.39	1,605.51
A. D. C. Admin., U.S. ....	212.82			408.52	621.34	88.39	532.95
Old Age U.S. ....	7,743.23			31,629.19	39,372.42	32,979.91	6,392.51
Old Age Admin., U.S. ....	3,883.25			1,271.68	5,154.93	321.13	4,833.80
Planning Board Expense .....		50.00			50.00	20.30	29.70
Reg. Sch. Planning Board Exp.		500.00			500.00	317.84	182.16
Kimball Park .....				44.00	44.00	44.00	
Water Ext. Emery St. ....				19,000.00	19,000.00	8,930.99	10,069.01
Water Ext. Birchmeadow Rd. ..	1,477.45				1,477.45	123.48	1,353.97
Light Maintenance .....	13,120.83		10.00	88,433.39	101,544.22	84,409.90	17,134.32
Care, Imp. & Emb., Cemetery ..		60.00			60.00	60.00	
Fire Truck .....	10,000.00				10,000.00	9,985.00	15.00
Maintenance Road Machinery ..		2,200.00			2,200.00	2,150.70	49.30
Cert. to Treas. T.T. Foreclosure				36.00	36.00	36.00	
Hurricane Edna .....				4,980.00	4,980.00	4,980.00	
Hurricane Carol .....				22,762.40	22,762.40	22,762.40	
School Building Fund .....	133.72				133.72	133.72	
Totals	323,640.99	42,889.29	19,725.00	208,923.88	620,746.56	545,822.06	74,924.50

Authorized for Hurricanes: Edna, \$4,980.00; Carol, \$22,762.40—Total \$27,742.40.



## RECAPITULATION

Appropriations .....	\$323,640.99	
Accounts Balances .....	42,889.29	
Refunds and Receipts .....	208,923.88	
Authorized Hurricane O.D. ....	27,742.40	
	<u>          </u>	\$603,196.56
Transferred to Accounts:		
To Police .....	\$ 350.00	From Disability Assistance
To Playground .....	200.00	From Reserve Fund
To Highway Chap. 90 .....	7,500.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Highway Chap. 81 .....	8,800.00	From Surplus Revenue
To Accountant's Clerk .....	65.00	From Reserve Fund
To Planning Board Expense .....	50.00	From Reserve Fund
To Regional School Planning Bd., Exp.	500.00	From Reserve Fund
To Care, Imp. and Emb. Cemetery .....	60.00	From Sale of Lots 1953
To Maint. Road Machinery .....	1,200.00	From Road Machinery
To Maint. Road Machinery .....	1,000.00	From Disability Assistance
	<u>          </u>	\$ 19,725.00
		<u>          </u>
		\$622,921.56



Transferred from Accounts:		To Consumers' Deposits
From Light Maintenance .....	\$ 10.00	To Accounts Above
From Disability Assistance .....	1,350.00	To Accounts Above
From Reserve Fund .....	815.00	
	<u>          \$ 2,175.00</u>	
	\$620,746.56	
Accounts, Balances .....	74,924.50	
Payments for Year 1954 .....	<u>545,822.06</u>	

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
M. E. Sargent Fund.....	\$100.00	\$201.91	\$5.51	\$ 7.00	\$200.42
Eliza M. Sawyer—Thomas Sawyer Lot .....	114.00	114.72	3.14	2.00	115.86
Emily S. Goodwin—Patten Sargent Lot.....	250.00	255.03	6.95	11.00	250.98
John and Sophia Merrill.....	200.00	202.69	5.53	8.00	200.22
Moses Goodrich.....	100.00	102.23	2.78	5.00	100.01
W. A. Paine—Henry Sargent Lot.....	50.00	51.61	1.39	2.00	51.00
J. E. Prescott .....	250.00	252.89	6.91	9.00	250.80
Rhoda S. Poore—Daniel Poore Lot.....	400.00	413.98	11.32	19.00	406.30
Rhoda S. Poore—Frederick Sargent Lot.....	200.00	202.91	5.53	7.00	201.44
Otis M. Little .....	200.00	203.26	5.54	8.00	200.80
Susan G. Sargent—westerly half of J. B. Sargent Lot	75.00	76.07	2.07	2.00	76.14
Mariette B. Sargent—William P. Colby Lot .....	250.00	275.75	7.49	19.00	264.24
Caroline S. Noyes—Somerby Noyes Lot .....	100.00	101.05	2.77	2.00	101.82
Adeline Whittier .....	100.00	101.01	2.77	2.00	101.78
J. Warren Sargent.....	100.00	102.55	2.78	5.00	100.33
Ruth Rowell—Jacob Rowell and Charles Dow Lot....	200.00	203.02	5.54	8.00	200.56
Sarah Pattee—Asa Ford and Sarah Pattee Lot .....	175.00	176.36	4.83	6.00	175.19
Sarah Pattee—William Gunnison Lot .....	125.00	126.86	3.45	5.00	125.31
I. B. Little .....	337.87	340.04	9.34	9.00	340.38
John Bancroft .....	50.00	51.28	1.40	2.00	50.68

Captain Aaron Bancroft .....	50.00	51.35	1.42	2.00	50.77
Thomas D. Nelson .....	150.00	151.86	4.16	5.00	151.02
Mabel Shepardson—Isaac Jones Lot .....	100.00	102.89	2.80	4.00	101.69
Henry E. Crosby .....	65.00	66.02	1.82	2.00	65.84
A. Linda Little .....	150.00	152.94	4.17	6.00	151.11
Etta H. Colby .....	100.00	103.07	2.81	5.00	100.88
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt .....	100.00	102.40	2.79	5.00	100.19
Phineas Chase .....	100.00	102.43	2.79	5.00	100.22
Charles A. Bridges .....	100.00	102.49	2.79	5.00	100.28
Louise Clement—John S. Clement Lot .....	100.00	103.15	2.81	5.00	100.96
Carrie C. Noyes .....	150.00	152.63	4.17	6.00	150.80
W. O. Smiley—William and Francis Smiley .....	100.00	103.24	2.81	6.00	100.05
Hattie and Carrie Baxter .....	100.00	103.12	2.81	5.00	100.93
Pamella C. Trefethen—Ephraim Trefethen Lot .....	100.00	103.12	2.81	5.00	100.93
Ida E. Stevens .....	125.00	126.21	3.48	4.00	125.69
Mary A. Chase, William and Mary A. Chase .....	100.00	103.10	2.81	5.00	100.91
Stuart Chase and Sargent .....	250.00	252.59	6.92	8.00	251.51
Charles A. Noyes—Charles A. Noyes Lot .....	75.00	76.14	2.11	3.00	75.25
Mason W. R. Downing—John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols Lot' .....	125.00	126.05	3.49	4.00	125.54
William Gilday .....	200.00	203.89	5.56	8.00	201.45
Moses Stevens .....	100.00	102.40	2.79	5.00	100.19
Elizabeth M. Cooper—Joseph Cooper Lot .....	100.00	103.19	2.81	5.00	101.00
Amos Weed .....	100.00	103.02	2.81	5.00	100.83
E. Fannie Bradley—Daniel Bradley .....	100.00	103.33	2.81	6.00	100.14
Porter Sargent .....	150.00	151.46	4.16	5.00	150.62
Addie F. Sawyer .....	100.00	103.11	2.81	5.00	100.92



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Melville S. Gibbs .....	100.00	102.80	2.79	5.00	100.59
Arthur C. Sargent .....	100.00	102.05	2.79	4.00	100.84
Heirs of A. R. Kimball .....	100.00	103.35	2.81	6.00	100.16
George E. Ricker—Capt. J. W. Sargent .....	100.00	102.83	2.79	5.00	100.62
Alfred G. Wells—R. K. Nichols, Patriquin & Wells	200.00	203.84	5.63	7.00	202.47
Stephen C. Parsons .....	200.00	202.67	5.54	7.00	201.21
Alfred H. Colby—A. M. Colby Lot .....	200.00	203.76	5.55	8.00	201.31
George S. Sargent .....	100.00	102.71	2.79	5.00	100.50
Frank Ward .....	200.00	203.89	5.55	8.00	201.44
R. W. Sargent and D. A. Moulton .....	200.00	204.43	5.58	9.00	201.01
Samuel C. Pease .....	150.00	152.80	4.17	6.00	150.97
Agnes F. Judkins, George W. & Olive O. Judkins Lot	150.00	151.24	4.16	5.00	150.40
Willard D. Sargent—Edward P. Sargent .....	200.00	203.10	5.55	7.00	201.65
Everett Carlton—Richard Stoyke Lot .....	100.00	102.39	2.79	5.00	100.18
A. E. Porter—S. L. Porter & Mary Emery .....	150.00	152.60	4.17	6.00	150.77
Donald MacDiarmid .....	150.00	151.47	4.16	5.00	150.63
William H. Young .....	100.00	102.36	2.82	4.00	101.18
Mary A. Hoyt—Thomas Hoyt Lot .....	200.00	203.98	5.55	8.00	201.53
Willard D. Sargent—Captain Moses Sargent .....	100.00	102.72	2.79	5.00	100.51
Willard D. Sargent—Nicholas Sargent .....	100.00	102.50	2.79	5.00	100.29
Lilla P. Larraway—H. W. Larraway Lot .....	100.00	103.14	2.81	5.00	100.95



Warren E. Wallace .....	100.00	102.77	2.79	5.00	100.56
Justin Clement .....	75.00	76.68	2.11	3.00	75.79
Emma P. Emerson—Alfred Chase Lot .....	100.00	103.22	2.81	6.00	100.03
John W. Foster .....	150.00	152.55	4.17	6.00	150.72
John H. Cleary .....	100.00	103.24	2.85	5.00	101.09
M. A. Gassett .....	100.00	103.19	2.81	5.00	101.00
J. W. Johnson .....	100.00	103.57	2.81	6.00	100.38
William Greely .....	300.00	308.08	8.42	13.00	303.50
Moses S. Brown—Charles E. Hoyt Lot .....	100.00	103.40	2.81	6.00	100.21
John B. Judkins .....	350.00	367.48	10.03	20.00	357.51
Henry C. Fox .....	100.00	103.71	2.82	6.00	100.53
George D. Larkin—Little, Larkin & Oliver Larkin Lot .....	300.00	306.85	8.39	12.00	303.24
Addie Haley .....	100.00	103.88	2.82	6.00	100.70
Jacob F. Crosby .....	100.00	103.24	2.81	5.00	101.05
Willis H. Scott .....	75.00	77.79	2.11	4.00	75.90
Herbert F. Chase .....	100.00	102.33	2.82	4.00	101.15
Joseph H. Leavitt—Daniel Leavitt Lot .....	100.00	102.29	2.82	4.00	101.11
William Betts .....	150.00	152.55	4.17	6.00	150.72
James D. Pike & Horace J. Batchelder .....	100.00	102.32	2.82	5.00	100.14
George H. Nichols .....	200.00	204.72	5.59	8.00	202.31
Gustavus D. Veal—G. D. Veal & George Grant Lot	100.00	103.95	2.81	6.00	100.76
Edward G. Sherman .....	150.00	154.26	4.21	7.00	151.47
Charles E. Rowell .....	150.00	155.78	4.22	9.00	151.00
Erastus Sargent .....	100.00	102.55	2.79	5.00	100.34
Mary E. Robinson .....	150.00	152.07	4.17	6.00	150.24
Charles A. Wallace and Helen Chamberlain .....	100.00	102.48	2.82	5.00	100.30
Frank C. Williams .....	100.00	102.83	2.83	5.00	100.66

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Melville A. Cunningham .....	100.00	103.55	2.81	6.00	100.36
Daniel H. Means .....	100.00	102.43	2.82	5.00	100.25
Conrad Kippenberger .....	50.00	50.97	1.39	2.00	50.36
Judson S. Jewett .....	100.00	103.08	2.81	5.00	100.89
Herbert C. Oak .....	150.00	152.45	4.17	6.00	150.62
Walter L. Chaloner .....	200.00	204.82	5.60	8.00	202.42
Benjamin Rowell ..	50.00	50.65	1.39	2.00	50.04
Moses Sawyer .....	50.00	51.84	1.40	3.00	50.24
Charles S. Lockwood .....	100.00	101.18	2.79	3.00	100.97
Fred B. Porter .....	100.00	103.33	2.81	6.00	100.14
Rufus H. Bennett .....	100.00	103.05	2.81	5.00	100.86
Thomas H. Hoyt .....	150.00	152.48	4.17	6.00	150.65
N. L. and Ella S. Howe .....	100.00	101.99	2.81	4.00	100.80
Edmund Ricker .....	100.00	101.91	2.81	4.00	100.72
Tappan Sargent and Franklin Mason .....	100.00	103.76	2.82	6.00	100.58
Austin Sawyer .....	100.00	102.44	2.82	5.00	100.26
George H. Tilton .....	100.00	102.33	2.82	5.00	100.15
Moses C. Flanders .....	50.00	51.57	1.42	2.00	50.99
Edwin F. Goodwin and Thomas Goodwin .....	150.00	152.37	4.17	6.00	150.54
Fred M. Cate ..	100.00	102.45	2.79	5.00	100.24

Mary A. Noyes .....	100.00	102.10	2.79	4.00	100.89
Clara Kendall .....	200.00	204.07	5.60	8.00	201.67
Daniel W. Gould .....	100.00	102.77	2.80	5.00	100.57
David Tewksbury and Thomas Merrill .....	150.00	154.25	4.21	8.00	150.46
Stephen Nichols .....	100.00	102.75	2.80	5.00	100.55
Betsy A. Veal .....	100.00	102.67	2.80	5.00	100.47
Frank Hargraves .....	100.00	102.08	2.79	4.00	100.87
John Logan .....	100.00	102.72	2.80	5.00	100.52
Charles Colman .....	100.00	103.51	2.81	6.00	100.32
Julia Whaland .....	150.00	154.68	4.21	7.00	151.89
Norman S. Cole .....	200.00	206.62	5.62	11.00	201.24
Mary Ordway .....	100.00	102.44	2.82	4.00	101.26
John T. Lovett .....	200.00	205.66	5.63	9.00	202.29
William H. Franklin .....	200.00	308.58	8.43	14.00	303.01
Helen G. Linden .....	100.00	102.63	2.80	5.00	100.43
Clifton B. Heath .....	150.00	152.74	4.18	6.00	150.92
Mary Sargent—Orlando Sargent .....	100.00	102.34	2.79	5.00	100.13
John K. Sargent .....	100.00	102.19	2.79	4.00	100.98
Mary H. Sargent—Hayden Sargent .....	100.00	102.15	2.79	4.00	100.94
Roswell J. Eaton .....	100.00	102.68	2.80	5.00	100.48
John E. Currier—Joshua Currier .....	150.00	152.98	4.18	7.00	150.16
John E. Currier .....	125.00	126.67	3.46	5.00	125.13
Single Graves .....	160.00	164.47	4.49	8.00	160.96
Anne M. Sargent—John L. Sargent .....	125.00	126.91	3.46	5.00	125.37
Fred R. Weed .....	200.00	204.39	5.60	9.00	200.99
Mary J. Murphy—J. H. Murphy Lot .....	100.00	101.55	2.79	4.00	100.34
Edward H. Preble .....	125.00	125.87	3.47	4.00	125.34



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Edwin S. Lane .....	100.00	102.33	2.79	5.00	100.12
Eldridge D. Young .....	100.00	103.93	2.82	6.00	100.75
Mary E. Hoyt .....	150.00	153.71	4.19	7.00	150.90
Harriet E. Story—F. A. Sargent and Story Lot .....	100.00	102.49	2.79	5.00	100.28
Phillip E. Quimby .....	100.00	102.06	2.79	4.00	100.85
Rebecca P. Little—Arthur Sargent & Ed. Sargent Lot .....	200.00	206.16	5.62	10.00	201.78
Clarence T. Allison .....	100.00	101.71	2.81	4.00	100.52
Sarah B. Titcomb and Eva J. Titcomb .....	300.00	305.46	8.37	10.00	303.83
John Heald—Isaac Heald Lot .....	200.00	204.60	5.60	9.00	201.20
Jennie S. Prescott—George S. Prescott .....	100.00	102.80	2.80	5.00	100.60
Annie Tuttle—A. Small—Lawson Lot .....	100.00	102.97	2.80	5.00	100.77
Benjamin F. Sargent .....	300.00	308.20	8.42	13.00	303.62
Ralph H. Sargent .....	100.00	101.86	2.81	4.00	100.67
Fullington Ashley Lot .....	100.00	102.57	2.79	5.00	100.36
Laura Patten—T. Hayden Patten .....	200.00	205.50	5.61	10.00	201.11
George T. Crouse .....	100.00	102.57	2.82	5.00	100.39
Nellie M. Hall—Thomas Fraser Lot .....	100.00	102.27	2.79	5.00	100.06
Lottie Hopkins—Nichols—Hopkins Lot .....	100.00	104.43	2.83	7.00	100.26
Louise C. Brackett—William Russell Lot .....	100.00	102.51	2.79	5.00	100.30
Marion Armstrong—Armstrong & McInnis Lot .....	400.00	409.17	11.19	15.00	405.36



Theodore L. Hayes .....	200.00	204.15	5.59	8.00	201.74
Frank M. Haynes .....	100.00	103.89	2.82	6.00	100.71
F. L. Parker .....	150.00	152.14	4.17	6.00	150.31
Dr F. E. Sweetsir .....	450.00	459.10	12.59	18.00	453.69
William N. Pettigrew .....	100.00	124.63	3.31	20.00	107.94
Fred S. Hardwick .....	150.00	153.14	4.18	7.00	150.32
J. Melvin Clement .....	100.00	102.31	2.79	5.00	100.10
Edwin S. McKay .....	100.00	102.18	2.79	4.00	100.97
Harry A. Stickney .....	150.00	153.29	4.18	7.00	150.47
B. F. Hardwick .....	150.00	154.04	4.21	8.00	150.25
Emma L. Sargent—Orlando Sargent Lot .....	150.00	153.38	4.19	7.00	150.57
Emma L. Sargent—O. F. Seavey Lot .....	150.00	153.56	4.19	7.00	150.75
Elsie G. Mathews—Elmer Grant Lot .....	200.00	205.27	5.61	9.00	201.88
Sarah A. Spillers—Frank Burnham Lot ....	200.00	204.63	5.60	9.00	201.23
Lettie F. Whitney—Herbert Whitney Lot .....	300.00	306.13	8.39	11.00	303.52
Fred W. Mathison .....	100.00	103.90	2.82	6.00	100.72
Minnie A. Chapman—Judson Webster Lot .....	125.00	127.85	3.48	6.00	125.33
Frederick W. Carter .....	200.00	206.78	5.64	10.00	202.42
Ethel A. Goodwin—Charles Goodwin Lot .....	200.00	205.27	5.63	9.00	201.90
Lucy J. Bagley—Mrs. Clarence Bagley Lot .....	100.00	104.62	2.83	7.00	100.45
Samuel W. Condon .....	400.00	412.12	11.29	18.00	405.41
Samuel L. Porter—Joseph Porter Lot .....	150.00	154.70	4.22	7.00	151.92
Benjamin B. Wood .....	200.00	205.29	5.63	9.00	201.92
May Belle Brown .....	100.00	103.01	2.82	5.00	100.83
Norman M. Hunter—A. Goodwin Lot .....	200.00	205.45	5.63	9.00	202.08
Ida C. Tobey .....	100.00	103.51	2.81	6.00	100.32
John E. Bean .....	75.00	76.09	2.11	3.00	75.20
Mary E. Tuxbury .....	150.00	154.81	4.21	8.00	151.02

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Maud G. Carter .....	100.00	104.60	2.85	6.00	101.45
Georgia G. Patten—Hayden Patten Lot .....	100.00	102.20	2.82	4.00	101.02
Frank Glines—Glines—Bartlett .....	150.00	153.03	4.19	5.00	152.22
William Evans—Lucien Chapin Lot .....	50.00	50.69	1.39		52.08
William Dwyer .....	50.00	50.66	1.39	2.00	50.05
Delma Black, Adelina T. Jones Lot .....	100.00	102.54	2.79	5.00	100.33
Ruth Hargraves .....	100.00	101.73	2.81	4.00	100.54
Jennie Chase—Moses Stevens Lot .....	100.00	102.38	2.79	2.00	103.17
Richard E. Sargent—E. Fieldsend Lot .....	100.00	102.37	2.82	5.00	100.19
Richard E. Sargent .....	125.00	126.31	3.46	4.00	125.77
Eva J. Grant .....	100.00	117.05	3.12	18.00	102.17
Clara Foster—John Foster Lot .....	200.00	205.48	5.63	9.00	202.11
Jeannette E. Whittier—Wendell B. Whittier .....	150.00	153.26	4.19	7.00	150.45
Luther W. Bridges—E. C. Bridges, J. Whitman ...	150.00	153.64	4.19	6.00	151.83
William S. Tuckwell—Newton Tuckwell Lot .....	50.00	52.17	1.44	3.00	50.61
William S. Tuckwell—S. S. Tuckwell Lot .....	50.00	52.17	1.44	3.00	50.61
Abbie W. Sargent—Alexander Smart Lot .....	225.00	229.28	6.29	9.00	226.57
Francis P. Clement .....	200.00	204.06	5.59	8.00	201.65
Wilbur H. Colby—Joseph Colby Lot .....	200.00	204.77	5.60	8.00	202.37
Katherine F. MacMasters .....	150.00	153.46	4.19	6.00	151.65
Louise A. Thacher .....	200.00	205.28	5.64	8.00	202.92

Willie Colby—Warren Colby Lot .....	100.00	104.48	2.83	6.00	101.31
Willie Colby—William H. Colby Lot .....	100.00	103.47	2.81	6.00	100.28
Alice E. Purdy .....	150.00	153.30	4.19	6.00	151.49
John S. Poyen .....	500.00	511.57	14.04	18.00	507.61
Anna Bird .....	200.00	206.47	5.64	10.00	202.11
Pearl M. Stevens .....	150.00	154.03	4.21	7.00	151.24
Fred O. Bailey .....	200.00	205.65	5.63	9.00	202.28
Charles L. Waterhouse .....	150.00	153.30	4.19	6.00	151.49
Sarah K. Noyes .....	100.00	103.57	2.82	5.00	101.39
Clarence W. Crosby .....	150.00	153.77	4.19	6.00	151.96
Donald E. Stevens—Charles Stevens Lot .....	300.00	306.90	8.40	12.00	303.30
Edith E. Wood—James Wood Lot .....	150.00	153.47	4.20	6.00	151.67
Augustus N. Parry—John and Louise Elliott .....	100.00	102.66	2.80	5.00	100.46
Dustin Hall and B. Frost .....	400.00	409.92	11.22	18.00	403.14
Charles L. Waterhouse—Almon Waterhouse Lot ....	150.00	154.16	4.22	7.00	151.38
Charles L. Waterhouse—Moses Sargent Lot .....	150.00	154.72	4.22	7.00	151.94
Leon L. Dow .....	200.00	206.18	5.65	9.00	202.83
Harry W. Bailey—Richard Bailey .....	200.00	206.33	5.64	9.00	202.97
George S. Nelson—Brown—Nelson .....	100.00	102.99	2.80	5.00	100.79
Edith A. Wood—George T. Goldsmith .....	150.00	153.41	4.19	6.00	151.60
Pollie C. Grant—F. C. Grant Lot .....	150.00	153.13	4.19	6.00	151.32
Sarah Anderson—Moses Evans—Moses Hoyt Lot ....	100.00	103.66	2.82	6.00	100.48
Clara E. Patten—Patten Clement Lot .....	200.00	205.27	5.63	9.00	201.90
Byron Sargent .....	300.00	307.23	8.43	12.00	303.66
Alice Mercer .....	200.00	206.92	5.65	9.00	203.57
William Cleary .....	200.00	206.91	5.64	10.00	202.55
John A. Tidd .....	200.00	206.63	5.65	9.00	203.28



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Nellie Newhall .....	200.00	206.60	5.65	9.00	203.25
Sadie Hopkins—J. Dazforth .....	100.00	102.61	2.83	4.00	101.44
Charles A. Bacon .....	150.00	154.16	4.22	6.00	152.38
William D. Large .....	150.00	154.17	4.22	7.00	151.39
Maude Adams .....	200.00	205.08	5.61	8.00	202.69
Charles L. Waterhouse .....	100.00	103.08	2.82	5.00	100.90
The Olive S. Wilde Fund—Morse—Wilde .....	300.00	309.97	8.50	13.00	305.47
Mabel Bettors .....	150.00	153.14	4.19	6.00	151.33
Zenas Lovell .....	200.00	205.23	5.63	4.00	206.86
Parker Walton .....	200.00	206.95	5.65	4.00	208.60
Estate of William Tuckwell .....	200.00	204.65	5.60	4.00	206.25
Esther M. Gormley—Katherine Connor Lot .....	150.00	153.82	4.19	3.00	155.01
Henrietta Anderson—Samuel Goodwin Lot.....	150.00	153.82	4.19	3.00	155.01
Anderson Heaton .....	50.00	50.10	1.38		51.48
Mary E. Chaff .....	100.00	103.10	2.82	2.00	103.92
Cora L. Wadleigh—D. Porter Wadleigh .....	150.00	153.98	4.19	4.00	154.17
Grace L. MacDonald—John Colman Lot .....	150.00	153.98	4.19	4.00	154.17
George Hosford .....	200.00	206.68	5.65	4.00	208.33
A. W. Chase .....	100.00	103.81	2.82	3.00	103.63
A. Merrill Howe .....	200.00	206.68	5.64	5.00	207.32
Luella Cunningham .....	200.00	204.59	5.60	4.00	206.19



Imogene Pettigrew .....	150.00	155.33	4.23	4.00	155.56
Frances and Bernard Bailey .....	150.00	153.59	4.19	3.00	154.78
Sybil A. Schiavoni .....	100.00	102.16	2.79	2.00	102.95
Mary C. Smith .....	200.00	206.37	5.64	5.00	207.01
Alberta Perreault .....	150.00	155.42	4.23	4.00	155.65
George W. J. Murphy .....	200.00	205.88	5.63	4.00	207.51
Harriet E. Cupples .....	500.00	515.19	14.12	10.00	519.31
Eva L. Lavalley .....	200.00	206.23	5.65	5.00	206.88
Isaiah S. McClure .....	100.00	104.94	2.83	4.00	103.77
Minnie Morrison, George M. Eaton, John E. Trull .....	200.00	204.32	5.60	4.00	205.92
Estate of J. E. Kemp .....	150.00	154.38	4.21	4.00	154.59
F. Leslie Viccaro .....	150.00	158.58	4.32	4.00	158.90
George E. Franklin .....	150.00	153.07	4.19	3.00	154.26
Stella Shorts .....	150.00	153.54	4.19	3.00	154.73
Gertrude L. Williams .....	200.00	206.67	5.64	5.00	207.31
William Lamb .....	35.00	35.31	.96		36.27
Ellen G. Heath .....	400.00	407.86	11.18	7.00	412.04
Ernest P. Dill .....	300.00	306.36	8.42	4.00	310.78
Emma L. Randall .....	300.00	307.42	8.43	5.00	310.85
Rudolph J. & Vivian Woyvoda .....	200.00	206.94	5.65	4.00	208.59
William H. Churchill .....	200.00	205.53	5.63	4.00	207.16
The Ada Seymore Trust .....	50.00	51.23	1.40		52.63
Helen F. Lucy .....	300.00	306.10	8.40	5.00	309.50
Carleton C. Witham .....	200.00	204.43	5.60	4.00	206.03
Charles E. Colman .....	200.00	204.43	5.60	4.00	206.03
Albert Ellis .....	150.00	154.20	4.22	3.00	155.42
William Rowell and William Sayre .....	300.00	307.19	8.43	5.00	310.62
Ralph and Minnie Sargent .....	300.00	306.17	8.40	5.00	309.57

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Pearle Kinney—Harry Kinney .....	200.00	204.75	5.60	4.00	206.35
Ida E. Cushing .....	300.00	305.57	8.38	4.00	309.95
George W. Earl .....	300.00	305.98	8.38	5.00	309.36
George W. Evans .....	300.00	305.98	8.38	5.00	309.36
Samuel Colby .....	100.00	103.28	2.85		106.13
Burton Colby .....	100.00	103.28	2.85		106.13
Nettie Morse .....	200.00	205.53	5.63	4.00	207.16
James T. Colgan .....	200.00	203.48	5.57	4.00	205.05
Kenneth and Marion Haskell .....	200.00	203.62	5.58	3.00	206.20
Clarence V. Huntress .....	300.00	304.44	8.36	4.00	308.80
Florence Lee .....	100.00	102.75	2.80	2.00	103.55
Charles Vincent .....	250.00	253.84	6.96	4.00	256.80
Francis MacDonald .....	150.00	151.53	4.16	2.00	153.69
Follansbee Nichols lot .....	300.00	302.79	8.30	4.00	307.09
Charles Odiorne .....	100.00	102.95	2.83		105.78
Bertha Clarke .....	300.00	302.16	8.32	3.00	307.48
E. D. Ovington .....	200.00	200.86	5.51	2.00	204.37
Bertha M. Wiggin .....	300.00	300.06	8.27	3.00	305.33
Will G. Sprague .....	200.00	201.38	5.57		206.95
Merrill I. Goldsmith .....	150.00	150.69	4.15		154.84
Dale W. Blackden .....	300.00	301.38	8.33		309.71

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Continued)

	(Original Deposit	Balance Beginning of year	Income	With- drawn or Expended	Balance Dec. 31 1954
Stephen Kelley .....	200.00	200.00	5.07		205.07
Flora Clement .....	100.00	100.00	2.54		102.54
Heman W. Kelley .....	200.00	200.00	5.07		205.07
Mabel A. Bailey .....	200.00	200.00	5.07		205.07
Sylvia Hidden .....	50.00	50.00	1.03		51.03
1954 Additions — New Accounts					
Edwin H. Armstrong .....	600.00		8.25		608.25
Doris Connor .....	50.00		.69		50.69
S. S. Thompson .....	300.00		2.06		302.06
Charles Staples .....	150.00				150.00
George Clough .....	300.00				300.00
Ada Calhoun .....	200.00				200.00
Ernest Hewson .....	300.00				300.00
Walter H. Sargent .....	200.00				200.00
	\$ 2,100.00	\$49,891.06	\$ 1,373.53	\$ 1,819.00	\$51,545.54

RECAPITULATION

Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 49,891.06
Bequests, 1954 .....	2,100.00
Income, 1954 .....	1,373.53
Total .....	\$ 53,364.59
Withdrawals, 1954 .....	1,819.00
Balance, January 1, 1955 .....	\$ 51,545.59



TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer .....	\$ 88,740.20	Stabilization Fund .....	\$ 5,057.29
		War Bonds Income .....	627.95
		Library Funds .....	2,400.00
		Thomas Hoyt Library Funds .....	25,958.52
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	51,545.59
		Kimball Park Funds .....	3,150.85
	<u>\$ 88,740.20</u>		<u>\$ 88,740.20</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1953	Interest	Added in 1954	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Electric Light Depreciation				
Provident Institution, Amesbury .....	\$ 3,823.25	\$ 115.55	\$	\$ 3,938.80
Merrimac Savings Bank .....	6,584.27	182.30	1,125.00	7,891.57
	<u>\$10,407.52</u>	<u>\$ 297.85</u>	<u>\$ 1,125.00</u>	<u>\$11,830.37</u>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1953	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Nichols Memorial Fund .....	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	13.76	\$ 13.76	\$ 500.00
James D. Whittier .....	457.07	500.00	13.76	13.76	500.00
D. J. Poore .....	500.00	500.00	13.84	13.84	500.00
A. E. Goodwin .....	200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Laura Patten .....	500.00	500.00	13.76	13.76	500.00
Willie Colby .....	200.00	200.00	5.53	5.53	200.00
Thomas H. Hoyt .....		13,083.52	364.30	364.30	13,458.52
Added to Hoyt Fund Merrimac .....			375.00		
Balances in Merrimac Savings Account		\$ 15,483.52	\$ 805.48	\$ 430.48	\$ 15,858.52
Haverhill Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		5,000.00	150.00	150.00	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank—T. H. Hoyt Fund		7,500.00	225.00	225.00	7,500.00
		\$ 27,983.52	\$ 1,180.48	\$ 805.48	\$ 28,358.52

KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1953	Interest	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Amos Weed .....	\$ 2,089.11	\$ 57.83	\$ 10.00	\$2,136.94
Judith Kimball .....	1,020.13	27.78	34.00	1,013.91
	<u>\$ 3,109.24</u>	<u>\$ 85.61</u>	<u>\$ 44.00</u>	<u>\$3,150.85</u>

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1954 .....	\$ 611.04
Interest 1954 .....	16.91
Balance, December 31, 1954 .....	<u>\$ 627.95</u>

STABILIZATION FUND

Original \$5,000.00	Interest \$ 57.29	Dec. 31, 1954 \$5,057.29
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## FINAL TRIAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash Balance .....	\$107,133.14	Withholding Tax .....	\$ 1,754.93
Cash Light Depreciation .....	11,830.37	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances .....	160.00
Petty Cash Advance, Town Office .....	10.00	Consumers' Deposits .....	1,681.16
Petty Cash Advance, Light & Water .....	125.00	Sale land low value Ch. 60, Sec. 79 .....	306.77
Petty Cash Advance, Tax Collector .....	25.00	Sale Cemetery Lots 1954 .....	975.00
Personal Property Taxes 1952 .....	1,271.36	State Parks & Reservations .....	1.97
Poll Taxes 1953 .....	10.00	Road Machinery Fund .....	1,619.95
Personal Property Taxes 1953 .....	3,353.25	County Taxes .....	712.42
Real Estate Taxes 1953 .....	7,333.79	Overlay surplus .....	833.09
Poll Taxes 1954 .....	536.00	Overlay 1953 .....	1,076.27
Personal Property Taxes 1954 .....	5,398.69	Excise Revenue .....	3,798.01
Real Estate Taxes 1954 .....	29,323.63	Tax Title Revenue .....	8,697.01
Estates of Deceased Persons .....	407.28	Departmental Revenue .....	2,542.93
Excise 1952 .....	481.03	Light Revenue .....	3,490.06
Excise 1953 .....	859.72	Water Revenue .....	4,908.04
Excise 1954 .....	2,457.26	Special Tax Revenue .....	407.28
Tax Titles .....	5,993.97	State & County Aid to Highways Revenue	16,300.00
Tax Possessions .....	2,418.72	Purchase Regulators, Light Department ..	2,718.40



Welfare Accounts Receivable .....	1,176.49	Old Age Recovery Fund .....	259.15
A. D. C. Accounts Receivable .....	1,332.14	Surplus Revenue .....	102,113.38
Old Age Accounts Receivable .....	10.30	Sale Real Estate Fund .....	1,200.00
Veterans Benefits Accts. Receivable .....	24.00	School Ch. 658, Acts of 1950, Athletics ....	14.97
Light Accounts Receivable, Light .....	2,853.63	School Lunch .....	3,574.99
Light Accounts Receivable, Power .....	148.45	Cert. to Treas., Tax Title Foreclosure .....	36.00
Light Accounts Receivable, Misc. ....	487.98	Disability Assistance, U.S. ....	1,462.99
Water Accounts Receivable, Rates .....	3,704.82	Disability Assistance, Admx. ....	248.52
Water Accounts Receivable, Misc. ....	1,202.62	A.D.C., U.S. Grant .....	1,605.51
State Aid to Highways, Chap. 81 Accounts		A.D.C., U.S. Grant, Admx. ....	532.95
Receivable .....	8,800.00	Old Age, U.S. Grant .....	6,392.51
State & County Aid to Highways, Ch. 90		Old Age, U.S. Grant, Admx. ....	4,833.80
Accounts Receivable .....	7,500.00	Library .....	18.14
Essex County T.B. Hospital .....	692.76	Civil Defense .....	232.72
Overlay 1951 .....	99.20	Water Ext., Emery Street .....	10,069.01
Overlay 1952 .....	760.74	Water Ext., Ridgefield Road .....	1,562.17
Overlay 1954 .....	1,355.23	Water Ext., Belmore Road .....	2,923.22
Hurricane (Edna) .....	4,980.00	Water Ext., Birch Meadow Road .....	1,353.97
Hurricane (Carol) .....	5,518.31	Light, Maintenance & Operation .....	17,134.32
		Light Depreciation Fund .....	11,830.37
		Cemeteries .....	232.90
	<u>\$219,614.88</u>		<u>\$219,614.88</u>

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION  
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

May 21, 1954

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. George E. Lay, Chairman

Merrimac, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from January 1, 1953 to March 2, 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

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Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Merrimac for the period from January 1, 1953, the date of the previous examination, to March 2, 1954, and submit the follow-

ing report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The cash receipts, as recorded, were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants and the treasurer's records.

The ledgers were analyzed, the appropriation accounts were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's record of town meetings and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, while other accounts were checked with the records of the various departments in which the transactions originated.

A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on March 2, 1954 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, and with the town accountant's books. The payments, as entered, were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the records of the town accountant.

The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on March 2, 1954 was verified by reconciliation of the bank



balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The transactions of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were verified, and the savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the treasurer's records. The reported redemptions and sales were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's books, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

It is recommended that action be taken to foreclose the rights of redemption on tax titles held for over two years, as required by law.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, personal property, real estate, and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with ledger controlling accounts.

The collector's cash books were footed, and the cash balance on March 2, 1954, including the petty cash advance, was verified by actual count of cash in the office



and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The books and accounts of the municipal light and water departments were examined and checked. The records of charges were analyzed, the recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements and discounts were checked with the departmental records of abatements and discounts granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

Further verification of the outstanding tax and departmental accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts as listed are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, health, school, library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the State and the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds on file for the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's, tax collector's, and municipal light and water department collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

WS:GBS

Assistant Director of Accounts

# TOWN OF MERRIMAC

## Balance Sheet — March 2, 1954

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
<b>Cash:</b>		<b>Employees' Payroll Deductions:</b>	
General, .....	\$113,505.13	Federal Taxes,.....	\$ 1,351.88
<b>Special:</b>		<b>Guarantee Deposits:</b>	
Municipal Light Dep. ....	10,407.52	Municipal Light, .....	\$ 1,629.38
<b>Advances for Petty:</b>		<b>Agency:</b>	
Town Office, .....\$	10.00	County Dog Licenses, .....\$	3.60
Tax Collector, .....	25.00	Excess - Sale Lands of Low	
Electric Light and Water		Value, .....	306.77
Department .....	125.00		
	—————\$		—————\$
			310.37
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		<b>Recoveries:</b>	
<b>Taxes:</b>		Old Age Assistance, .....	\$ 47.50
Levy of 1951:		<b>Federal Grants:</b>	
Personal Property, .....\$	25.60	Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1952:		Administration, .....\$	204.46
Personal Property, .....	3,541.60	Assistance, .....	2,374.79
Real Estate, .....	2,145.15	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1953:		Administration, .....	209.72
Poll, .....	34.00		

## STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Personal Property, .....	3,977.40	Aid, .....	2,201.43
Real Estate, .....	19,492.05	Old Age Assistance:	
	— \$ 29,215.80	Administration, .....	3,863.81
Levy of 1952, .....	\$ 665.91	Assistance, .....	6,804.68
Levy of 1953, .....	4,399.69		— \$ 15,658.89
	— \$ 5,065.60		
<b>Special Tax:</b>		<b>Revolving Funds:</b>	
Timber Salvage, .....	\$ 1,427.80	School Lunch, .....	\$ 4,960.98
		School Athletics, .....	228.60
			— \$ 5,189.58
<b>Tax Titles and Possessions:</b>		<b>Appropriation Balances:</b>	
Tax Titles, .....	\$ 5,619.99	Revenue:	
Tax Possessions, .....	2,418.72	General, .....	\$275,462.53
	— \$ 8,038.71	Municipal Light:	
General Relief, .....	\$ 8.00	Maintenance & Operation, .....	19,052.99
Disability Assistance, .....	31.51	Depreciation, .....	10,407.52
Aid to Dependent Children, ..	2,369.72	Construction, .....	1,277.00
Old Age Assistance, .....	10.30		
Veterans' Services, .....	34.00	Water:	
	— \$ 2,453.53	Maintenance & Operation, .....	22,262.67
<b>Municipal Light:</b>		Construction & Extension, .....	8,477.45
Rates, .....	\$ 12,369.09	Non-Revenue:	
Miscellaneous, .....	490.89	School Construction, .....	133.72
	— \$ 12,859.98		



<b>Water:</b>		Municipal Light Equip. ....	8,598.40
Rates, .....	\$ 2,527.01		
Miscellaneous, .....	1,133.08		
	—————\$		\$345,672.28
<b>Revenue 1954:</b>			
Appropriations Voted, .....	\$323,640.99		
County Hospital Assessment Paid, .....	3,332.55	County Tax, .....	\$ 151.00
Deduct Available Funds		Sale of Real Estate Fund, .....	\$ 1,200.00
Voted, .....	30,000.00		
Estimated Receipts		<b>Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:</b>	
Collected, .....	13,297.93	Road Machinery, .....	\$ 615.20
	—————\$283,675.61	Reserve Fund-Overlay Surplus,	\$ 1,008.06
<b>Loan Authorized:</b>			
Water, .....	\$ 19,000.00	<b>Overlay Reserved for Abatements:</b>	
	—————\$ 19,000.00	Levy of 1953, .....	\$ 1,461.12
<b>Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:</b>			
Underestimates 1953:			
State Parks Assessment, ..\$	111.93	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, .....	\$ 5,065.60
County Hospital Assess- ment, .....	662.49	Special Tax .....	1,427.80
		Tax Title and Possession, ....	8,038.71
		Departmental, .....	2,453.53
		Municipal Light, .....	12,859.98

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

<b>Overlay Deficits:</b>		Water,	3,660.09
Levy of 1949,	.....\$ 5.90		\$ 33,505.71
Levy of 1951,	..... 362.60	Reserve for Petty Cash Adv., ..	\$ 160.00
Levy of 1952,	..... 1,050.50	Surplus Revenue, .....	\$ 59,702.22
	-----\$ 1,419.00		-----
	\$491,663.19		\$491,663.19

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded of Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:	
General, .....	\$ 35,000.00	General:	
Outside Debt Limit:		School, .....	\$ 35,000.00
General, .....	\$270,000.00	Outside Debt Limit:	
Public Service Enterprise, 26,000.00		General:	
	\$296,000.00	School, .....	\$270,000.00
		Public Service Enterprise:	
		Municipal Light, .....	16,000.00
		Water, .....	10,000.00
			\$296,000.00
	\$331,000.00		

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Library Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer, .....		Willie Colby, .....	\$ 200.00
		A. E. Goodwin, .....	200.00
		Thomas H. Hoyt, .....	25,583.52
		Nichols Memorial, .....	500.00
		Laura Patten, .....	500.00
		D. J. Poore, .....	500.00
		James D. Whittier, .....	500.00
			<u>\$ 27,983.52</u>
		Park Funds:	
		Judith Kimball, .....	\$ 1,020.13
		Amos Weed, .....	2,089.11
			<u>\$ 3,109.24</u>
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	
		Funds, .....	49,891.06
		Post-War Rehabilitation	
		Fund, .....	611.04
			<u>\$ 81,594.86</u>



**VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION****March 1, 1954**

Votes Cast (Men 479, Women 470), Total 949

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street .....	792
Blanks .....	157

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church Street .....	785
Blanks .....	164

Selectmen, for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 63 School Street .....	409
Kenneth E. Haskell, Bear Hill Road .....	372
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street .....	373
Frank M. Hargraves, 25 Church Street .....	418
George E. Lay, 13 Winter Street .....	581
Francis L. Mathews, Emery Street .....	121
Blanks .....	573

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Hazen M. Emery, 15 Judkins Court .....	744
J. Arthur Ollis, 37 East Main Street .....	691
Ellen M. Wallace, 9 Central Street .....	674
Blanks .....	738

Assessor, for three years:

Clifford R. Howe, Birch Meadow Road .....	766
Blanks .....	183

## Treasurer, for one year:

Roy C. Journeay, 10 Prospect Street .....	765
Blanks .....	184

## School Committee, for three years:

Russell B. Kelly, Birch Meadow Road .....	377
Frederick N. Sweetsir, 84 River Road .....	515
Blanks .....	57

## School Committee, for one year:

Irving A. Blake, 7 Judkins Court .....	780
Blanks .....	169

## Trustees of Cemeteries, for three years:

Arthur R. Clark, 108 River Road .....	730
Blanks .....	219

## Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:

Cecil L. Dressler .....	6
Everett W. Knight .....	1
Gordon J. Roberts .....	3
Blanks .....	939

## Library Trustees, for three years:

Burnell S. O'Brien, 99 River Road .....	612
Olive S. Wilde, 13 Locust Street .....	697
Blanks .....	589

## Light Commissioner, for three years:

Ray T. Wallace, River Road .....	719
Blanks .....	220

## Light Commissioner, for one year:

Gordon J. Roberts, 46 Church Street .....	277
Robert C. Young, Birch Meadow Road .....	554
Blanks .....	118

## Water Commissioner, for three years:

Ray T. Wallace, River Road .....	688
Blanks .....	261

## Water Commissinoer, for one year:

Gordon J. Roberts, 46 Church Street .....	279
Robert C. Young, Birch Meadow Road .....	543
Blanks .....	127

## Constables, for one year:

George R. Buzzell, Sr., 33 School Street .....	709
Ronald C. Sarasin, 65 Church Street .....	647
Alexander M. Sullivan, 20 Locust Street .....	763
Blanks .....	728

Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of Wood and Bark,  
for one year:

Ralph L. Buzzell, 67 School Street .....	1
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street .....	1
Gerald M. Hargraves .....	1
George A. Hill .....	1
George E. Lay, 13 Winter Street .....	1
Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street .....	1
Richard E. Sargent .....	1
Gordon J. Roberts, 46 Church Street .....	2
Robert R. Silsva .....	1
Blanks .....	2837

## Tree Warden, for one year:

Harold C. Lamb, 3 Abbott Street .....	673
Blanks .....	276

## Playground Commission, for five years:

Merrill B. Smith, 46 East Main Street .....	706
Blanks .....	243

## Playground Commission, for two years:

Alexander M. Sullivan, 20 Locust Street .....	764
Blanks .....	185

## Planning Board, for one year:

Henry D. Lay, 59 West Main Street .....	632
Blanks .....	317

## Planning Board, for two years:

Allan B. MacGregor, 36 High Street, Port. ....	610
Blanks .....	339

## Planning Board, for three years:

Bernard A. Morgan, 20 Pleasant Street .....	330
Milton E. Webster, 40 School Street .....	381
Blanks .....	238

## Planning Board, for four years:

Edgar Palmer Sargent, Bear Hill Road .....	628
Blanks .....	321

## Planning Board, for five years:

Russell E. Kershaw, 25 Woodland Street .....	624
Blanks .....	325



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**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

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Essex, ss.

To Maurice Carey, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall on

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1955

at Five Forty-Five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three Members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer for one year, Tax Collector for three years, one Member of the School Committee for three years, one Member of the School Committee for two years, one Member of the School Committee for one year, Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, one Trustee of Cemeteries for one year, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, one Commissioner of Playground for five years, one Commissioner of Municipal Light for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, Tree Warden for one year, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

Article 2. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as Provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended; Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Members of the Board of Public Welfare, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners and raise and appropriate sums of money, therefore.

Article 4. To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1955 and make appropriations for same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the supervision of the Selectmen for any necessary repairs or other expense to Tax Possessions.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.-00) for the Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1955.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$975.00) from the sale of Cemetery lots such sum or part thereof to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for "care, improvement and embellishment" of said cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.



Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet such legal expenses as may occur due to suits or other action against the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in or on or around the Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from free cash in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1955 Tax Rate.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Highway Construction or Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.-00) to pay the salary of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.-00) for expenses of the Veterans Service Officer.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Ninety Six Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$5,096.63) said sum to be paid



the Essex County Retirement Board for various funds of the Essex County Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, and to pay any water loans that may be due in the year 1955, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by appropriation, water surplus or water revenue; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,880.00) said amount to be paid the Welfare Agent as salary for the year 1955.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (2,500.00) said amount to be spent for control of Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for rental of quarters for the use of the American Legion Post.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) to pay notes due for School Construction in the year 1955.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for salary of Dog Officer.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,-

800.00) to be spent under the direction of Civil Defense Director and supervision of the Selectmen for Civil Defense or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$675.00) said amount to be spent for salaries to Instructors for Supervised Play at the Merrimac Playground, under the jurisdiction of the Merrimac Playground Commission.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used under the Supervision of the Selectmen and Chief of Police for the purchase of a Police Cruiser to be used by the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of money of the excess and deficiency fund for the purchase of bonds. The proceeds of the sale of bonds to be appropriated for a new regional school building.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the expense of taking the census or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (1,000.00) for the purchase of hose for the Fire Department.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the wall and sidewalk on Church Street near the Sargent Coal Company Office or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept

Section 97A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws which is a section requiring the establishment by the Selectmen of a Police Department which shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the Chief of Police, and which authorizes the Chief of Police to make suitable regulations governing the Police Department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the Selectmen and which places the Chief of Police in immediate control of all town property used by the Department and of the police officers and their assignments.

Article 35. On petition of Kenneth G. Fowle and others to see if the Town of Merrimac will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Two Hundred (8,200.00) Dollars to (1) continue the present water system from a point on Winter Street opposite the residence of James Hull along Winter to the junction of Church Street, (2) to continue the present water system from a point opposite the residence of Henry L. Adams along Church Street to join the extension along Winter Street at the junction of Church Street and Highland Road and thence along Highland Road to a point near the residence of Richard V. Beebe, a distance of 2,769 feet or take any action relative thereto, including whether or not the money shall be raised by borrowing, taxation or otherwise.

Article 36. On petition of Irving A. Blake and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for plans or other expense in conjunction with the building of a Regional School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. On petition of George R. Hoyt and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to continue the present water system from a point opposite the residence of Elsie Adams along Birch Meadow Road



to a point opposite the residence of George Hoyt, a distance of approximately 875 feet, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38 On petition of Clifford R. Howe and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a revaluation of all taxable property or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. On petition of Henry D. Lay and others to see if the Town will vote to accept a minimum set of zoning requirements as presented by the Planning Board in accordance with Chapter 40 section 25-30A of the General laws or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40 On petition of Evelyn M. Greeley and others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and correct the condition existing at the head of Vendome Street at Woodland Street, to properly drain the surface water that overflows across Woodland Street down Vendome Street.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven places in said Town of Merrimac at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this 24th day of January 1955.

GEORGE E. LAY

RALPH L. BUZZELL

FRANK M. HARGRAVES

Selectmen



A true copy:    Attest:

MAURICE CAREY,

Constable

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By virtue of the above warrant to me directed I hereby warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

MAURICE CAREY,

Constable

Merrimac, Mass., January 24, 1955

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## In Memoriam

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### FRANK EMERSON PEASE

1863 - 1954

Born in West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Mass.

Graduate Merrimac High School, Class of 1879.

Graduate New York Technical School of Carriage Drafting.

Associated many years in Merrimac with his father and brother as "S. C. Pease and Sons" as carriage builders.

He designed the official Town Seal for the town of Merrimac, Mass., first used as such in 1900.

Served as Moderator at several town meetings.

Merrimac School Committeeman 5 years, 1894-1899.

From 1922-1933 he was in charge of auto body work for Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Michigan where he resided over thirty years since leaving Merrimac.

Retired from auto work in 1933.

Alderman of Lansing, Michigan 1939.

County Commissioner of Ingham County, Michigan several years.

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### E. CLIFTON HARGRAVES

1885 - 1954

Resident of Merrimac over 65 years.

Conducted a variety store with Daily and Sunday papers in Merrimac Square over 30 years.

A Merrimac Cemetery Trustee 6 years, 1942-1948.

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# In Memoriam

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## BION GREEN

1858 - 1954

Resident of Merrimac, Mass. over 30 years.

B. & M. R. R. Station Agent at Merrimac during the carriage manufacturing period before many autos.

Merrimac School Committeeman 8 years, 1891-1899.

Self-educated, Mr. Green was always interested in the higher mathematics and by a life of study could easily solve and explain problems of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Quadratics, etc. He also learned several languages and did much translation for his own benefit, and at the age of 90 years and until his death aged 96 years he had learned to read the Hebrew language and was comparing his translations with the original Greek versions.

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## ALDEN B. MORSE

1877 - 1954

Merrimac Cemetery Trustee and a Trustee of Kimball Park, Merrimac, several years.

Served the town as a Police Officer (night patrolman) at different periods.

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## THOMAS W. WRIGHT

1877 - 1954

Selectman of Merrimac one year, 1923.

Resident of Merrimac 45 years, and operated a garage in Merrimac for several years.

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## REPORT OF THE PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

January 24, 1955

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To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

Towns of Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury:

Herewith is the first annual report of the Pentucket Regional School District Committee.

The Pentucket Regional School District came into being on May 25, 1954 when the Towns of Groveland and West Newbury voted to accept an agreement whereby such a district would be formed. Nearly four years of intertown planning preceded this action by the two towns.

The first meeting of the newly formed District School Committee was marked by the same type of co-operative spirit that had been displayed in planning. The committee organized with Leo A. Soucy as chairman and Sydney A. O'Neill as Secretary-Treasurer. The committee immediately began its work of planning amendments to the agreement which would admit the Town of Merrimac to the District. When amendments were accepted by the three towns in August, 1954, Merrimac entered the district.

Upon Merrimac's admission to the district, the District Committee was organized so as to include that town's three representatives. The new organization resulted in Leo A. Soucy being elected Chairman, Mrs. Virginia H. Webster Vice-Chairman, and Sydney A. O'Neill Secretary-Treasurer. After adopting rules of procedure and regular meeting dates, the committee engaged the services of the Second National Bank of Boston to act as its agent in the steps necessary in the sale of bonds. The committee also divided into two sub-committees so as to begin preliminary work toward: (1) site selection and (2) educational planning. The local school committees of the mem-



ber towns successfully sought and soon received permission from the State Department of Education to join in the formation of a new Superintendency Union in September, 1955. Thus, with the eventual construction of a regional junior-senior high school all grades in all schools in the three member towns will be together in one organization.

The sub-committee concerned with site selection completed its work when the possible sites were reduced to four. The sub-committee on educational planning completed its work with the formation of two new committees of membership outside that of the District Committee. The first of these committees is now engaged in the determination of a curriculum for the proposed school. The other committee, which has divided into nine sub-committees, is concerned with the drawing up of the Educational Specifications for the proposed school. The committee plans to present a building proposal to the three member towns in the summer of 1955.

These aforementioned sub-committees comprise, in the aggregate, over one hundred persons including school principles and teachers, selectmen, finance committee members, planning board members, parents, citizens, experts in related areas, and recent high school graduates. Nearly all of these people are residents of the member towns.

While the Educational Specifications and the Curriculum are being formulated, the District School Committee is at work in the task of selecting a superintendent, an architect, while maintaining a close liaison with the curriculum and specifications committees.

The District Committee has been hampered by its complete lack of funds. All expenses to date have been borne by the individual members of the committee.

The Committee is extremely grateful to the voters of the member towns for their endorsement of the regional

school plan and for their fine encouragement, support, and understanding of the problem facing the committee. The way in which people came forth and offered to give of their time is a reflection of the high qualities of citizenship possessed by our citizens. Such actions cannot but help result in an excellent solution to the school problem now facing the towns in the Pentucket Regional School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo A. Soucy, Chairman

Virginia H. Webster, Vice Chairman

Sydney A. O'Neill, Secretary-Treasurer

Louise E. Mills

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Dr. Douglas Crook

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Dr. Frederick Sweetzer

Pentucket Regional School Committee

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

For The Year Ending December 31,

1954







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## SCHOOL REPORT

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In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 84th annual printed school report.

IRVING A. BLAKE, Chairman

VIRGINIA H. WEBSTER, Secretary

F. N. SWEETSIR, M. D.

School Committee

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## SCHOOL OFFICERS

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Shirley Venezia, School Dental Nurse

Address: 113 Main Street, Amesbury

# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF, OCTOBER, 1954

## HIGH SCHOOL & GRADE 7 and 8

Position	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Yrs. in Merrimac
Prin., Soc. Studies	Edward S. Morrow	7	7
English	Isabelle M. Phelan	11.6	11.6
French & Latin	Mary E. Doherty	0	0
Science	Frederick G. Bardsley		
	B.S., Univ. of N. H., 1943		
	B.S.E., Tufts, 1941		
	A.B., Regis College, 1953		
	A.B., Suffolk Univ., 1952		
	M.A. in Ed., Suffolk Univ., 1953	1	1
Mathematics	Rodney F. Mansfield	2	2
Commercial Studies	Margaret M. O'Riordan	1	1
Grade 8	Louis A. Blais	1	0
Grade 8	Cornelia E. Wolfe	14	9
Grade 7 and Assistant to Principal	Millard P. Nute	2	2
Grade 7	Frederick J. Noone	3	2
	B.A., Univ. of N. H., 1951		
	B.S., Boston College, 1951		



## MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal, 1929	16.5	9.8
V. Prin., Remedial				
Reading and Art	Miriam M. Felch	B.S., Kutztown, Pa., State Teachers College, 1936	8	8
Grade 6	Margaret W. Hume	Newburyport Training, 1909	16	6
Grade 6	Alice M. Pooler	B.S. Ed., Salem Teachers College, 1953	1	1
Grade 5	Helen O'Neil	A.B., Radcliffe College, 1954	0	0
Grade 5	Jean W. Rau	B.A., Ohio State University, 1953	1	1
Grade 4	A. Patricia Casey	B.S. Ed., Lowell Teachers College, '34		
		M. Ed., Calvin Coolidge College of L. A., 1954	5.6	0
Grade 4	Mae Ethel Davis	Salem Normal	26.5	21.5
Mixed level group	Dorothy K. Edgerly	Salem Normal, 1926	8.5	1
Mixed level group	Margaret M. Hickey	A.B., Merrimack College, 1954	0	0
Adjustment group	Florence L. Coe	Salem Teachers College, 1933	6.4	0
Adjustment group	Caroline M. Verrette	Salem Normal, 1917	14	6
Readiness group	Louise E. Hardy	Framingham Normal, 1928	12	6
Readiness group	Helen K. Manning	Bridgewater Normal, 1918	29.7	27.7
Readiness group	Ethel B. Whiting	A.B., Bates College, 1913	9	9
Music Teacher	Doris M. Currier	Institute of Music Pedagogy	32.5	23

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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(Continued from 1953 Town Report)

Winter term: January 3, to February 18, 1955 7 weeks

Third term: February 28, to April 29, 1955 9 weeks

Spring term: May 9, to June 17, 1955 (Elem) 6 weeks

Grade 8 graduation, — June 21, 1955

High School graduation, — June 23, 1955

Fall term: September 6, 1955 — Registration Day

September 7, to December 21, 1955

Elementary School

September 7, to December 23, 1955

High School

Winter term: January 2, 1956 to February 17, 1956

7 weeks

Schools also close on Good Friday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Essex County Teachers' Convention, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving recess.

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**NO SCHOOL SIGNAL**

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NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ after 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school all day.

11:30 A. M. 11—11—11 No school in grades seven and eight.

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**1954 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

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Regular school appropriation	\$107,947.00
Refunded dog tax	460.68
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Total available for schools	\$108,407.68
Total expenditures	107,147.25
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Balance	\$ 1,260.43

## Reimbursements:

Supt. Schools	\$ 933.33
General School Fund	28,929.04
All school transportation	4,407.20
Tuition local schools	362.00
Tuition, transp. state wards	2,397.15
All other	25.23
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	\$ 37,053.95

Total expenditures	\$107,147.25
Total reimbursements	37,053.95
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Net cost to town	\$ 70,093.30

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**Summary of Expenditures**

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General Control

School committee expenses	\$ 32.95
Supt. Schools' salary	1,900.00
Secretaries salary	725.00

Extra office help	256.00	
Travel expenses & office costs	282.84	
Law enforcement	287.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,484.64

#### Cost of Instruction

Full-time teachers & subs	72,516.91	
Part-time teachers	2,305.02	
Text books	1,929.90	
School supplies	3,756.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 80,508.38

School lunch salaries	1,733.36
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#### Cost of operation

Janitors' salaries	5,446.36	
Fuel	2,970.01	
Janitor's supplies, etc.	256.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,673.36

Maintenance	1,709.47
Athletics	495.45
Libraries	376.11
Health	1,354.82
Transportation	7,749.03
New equipment	749.50
Telephone, miscellaneous	313.13
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	\$107,147.25



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**1955 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES**

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**General Control**

School committee expenses	\$	25.00	
Supt. Schools' salary		2,043.00	
Secretary's salary		761.00	
Extra office help		200.00	
Travel expenses & office costs		350.00	
Law enforcement		350.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,729.00

**Cost of Instruction**

Full-time teachers & subs	79,866.00	
Part-time teachers	1,660.00	
Text books	2,500.00	
School supplies	2,500.00	
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School lunch salaries	3,673.00
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**Cost of Operation**

Janitors' salaries	5,550.00	
Fuel	2,600.00	
Janitors' supplies, etc.	700.00	
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Maintenance	1,000.00
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Athletics	500.00
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Libraries	400.00
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Health	1,400.00
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Transportation	9,100.00
New equipment	500.00
Telephone, miscellaneous	300.00
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	\$115,978.00

## Estimated reimbursements:

Supt. Schools	\$ 933.33
General School Fund	29,935.29
All school transportation	6,485.00
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	\$ 37,353.62

Total estimated expenditures	\$115,978.00
Total estimated reimbursements	37,353.62
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Estimated net cost to town	\$ 78,624.38

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## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION STATEMENT

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Vocational education appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Vocational education expenditures	1,991.73
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Balance	\$ 8.27
Vocational education expenditures	\$ 1,991.73
Vocational education reimbursements	741.68
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Net cost to town	\$ 1,250.05

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**SCHOOL FUND STATEMENT (Athletics)**

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Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 44.70
Total receipts	320.90
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	\$ 365.60
Expenditures	350.63
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Balance, December 31, 1954	\$ 14.97

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**SCHOOL LUNCH STATEMENT**

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Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 4,657.39
Receipts: U. S. D. A. claims	2,527.05
Lunch sales	9,640.16
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	\$ 16,824.60

## Expenditures:

Wages	\$ 3,781.72	
Food	9,032.81	
Other	431.01	
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		13,245.54
Balance	\$ 3,579.06	

## NEW SUPERINTENDENCY UNION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1955

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On December 28, 1954, the state board of education approved the formation of a new superintendency union comprising the towns of Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury, effective September 1, 1955. In 1905 West Newbury, Newbury and Salisbury formed a union; in 1912 Merrimac joined the three towns and formed a union of four towns. After September 1 the remaining towns of the present Merrimac and West Newbury union will be Newbury and Salisbury; of the present Groveland union they will be Georgetown, Rowley and Boxford, unless further arrangements are made before that date. September 1, 1955, coincides with the resignation date of the present superintendent of schools who becomes seventy years of age in 1955 and who has served the four-town union as superintendent since October 16, 1928.

The union of Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury becomes a fact on September 1, 1955; the region comprising these three towns will become a fact when it is validated by the passing of House Bill 391 by the 1955 legislature. A region is different from a union; it may cut across two or more unions. Regional agreements of these three towns, as submitted by the regional school district planning board, were approved by the Commissioner of Education on April 20 and by the state Emergency Finance Board on April 27. Green-covered brochures, with the agreement printed therein have been distributed to the citizens of the three towns. Acceptance of the agreement has been voted by the citizens. The regional school, as planned, is a combination junior-senior high school (grades seven to twelve) which will enroll the pupils of



the upper six grades of all three towns: Merrimac, Groveland, West Newbury. On regional school building cost there is an added reimbursement of 15% of the capital. There is also added reimbursement on the regional school operating cost.

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### END OF PLATOONING IN FIRST SIX GRADES

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The newly organized school committee in March (Mr. Blake, Mrs. Webster, Dr. Sweetsir) voted on March 10 that there should be no platooning in the lower grades in Merrimac beginning in September. Grades seven and eight were removed to the high school building. Several towns in Massachusetts have made this change of platooning to the upper grades, as was brought out at a superintendents' conference in April. The high school hours became 7:30 A. M. to 12:05 P. M., to make way for grades seven and eight in the afternoon (12:25 to 5:00 P. M.) This entailed an additional transportation cost of \$2,200.00, but this cost is entirely reimbursable.

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### ENROLLMENTS

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On the first of October the enrollment of Merrimac public schools was 540, which was a decrease of 4 under a year ago. In the first eight grades there were 427; in grades nine to twelve at High School (morning session) there were 113. The distribution of Merrimac enrollments by grades on October 1, 1954, was as follows: At Merri-

mac Elementary School, Grade I, 70, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Hardy; Grade II, 67, Mrs. Verrette, Mrs. Coe; Grade III, 54, Mrs. Edgerly, Miss Hickey; Grade IV, 39, Mrs. Casey, (Mrs. Davis, Batavian teacher); Grade V, 52, Mrs. Rau, Miss O'Neil; Grade VI, 47, Mrs. Hume, Miss Pooler. Total in elementary building, 329, Mrs. Donaghue, principal, and Mrs. Felch, vice-principal and remedial reading and art teacher. At high school building (afternoons), Grade VII, 55; Grade VIII, 43; total 98, Mr. Nute, assistant principal, Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. Noone, Mr. Blais. At High School (forenoons), Grade IX, 42; X, 27; XI, 21; XII, 23. Total in High School enrollment 113, Mr. Morrow, principal, Miss Phelan, Mr. Mansfield, Miss O'Riordan, Miss Doherty, Mr. Bardsley.

Private school enrollment of Merrimac includes ten at St. James, Haverhill; six at St. Joseph's, Amesbury; three at Sacred Heart, Amesbury; one at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport.

Enrollment of vocational pupils will be found elsewhere.

From the foregoing figures it would appear that Merrimac enrollment is running 28 behind its projected 1954 figure of 568, except in the high school. The same is true in West Newbury, where, with dropouts in high school pupils (now tuitioned out), the total figure is 39 below the projected figure. But Newbury is running 33 ahead of its projected figure and Salisbury is ahead also. What is the explanation? Is it the new superhighway, just opened, (and its cloverleaves), that are expanding these communities? One must remember that any projected figures are an inseparable part of their hypotheses. All projection figures were presented, in all four towns, at the time of the projection, with four "If's", and no birth figures were used except those already recorded by the town clerks at the



time. These four "If's" were based upon the four years immediately preceding the time of projection. The four "If's" were: (1) IF the rate of moving into town remains the same (as in the four years preceding the figuring), (2) IF the rate of moving out of town remains the same, (3) IF the percentage of promotion from each grade to the next remains the same, and finally, (4) IF the percentage of leaving school after sixteen remains the same. These "If's" accompanied all projection figures and must be remembered with them. Although the total primary unit (1-3) is within two of the projected figure, the overall enrollment figure indicates a probable change in one or more of the four preceding hypotheses. Which factors have changed?

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## TEACHING STAFF

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During 1954 there were eight new teachers on the staff. Seven of the eight, that is, all except Miss McIntyre, started with the school year in September. The eight new teachers were: at the High School, Miss Mary E. Doherty of Haverhill; in grades seven and eight, Mr. Louis A. Blais and Miss Regina G. McIntyre, both of Amesbury; at the Elementary School, Miss Helen O'Neil of Amesbury, Mrs. A. Patricia Casey of Lawrence, Miss Margaret M. Hickey of North Andover, Mrs. Florence L. Coe of Hamilton, and Mrs. Louise E. Hardy of Merrimac.

At the High School Miss Doherty replaced Miss Mary L. Kenney, who taught French and Latin. Miss Doherty is a graduate of St. James High School and of Regis College, A. B., 1953. During the summer of 1954 she took the Intensive Teacher Preparatory Course at Fitchburg State

Teachers College. In grades seven and eight, at the high school building, Mr. Millard P. Nute, then of the staff, was appointed in September assistant principal, in charge of grades seven and eight, under Mr. Edward S. Morrow, principal of grades seven to twelve. When Mr. Nute resigned in the middle of November (to take up government work in social science) Mrs. Cornelia E. Wolfe of the staff was appointed to the administrative duties and title of Mr. Nute. For the classes that Mr. Nute taught (chiefly social sciences), Miss Regina G. McIntyre was appointed, beginning November 15. Miss McIntyre is a graduate of Amesbury High School and of Salem State Teachers College, B. S., 1954. She did her practice teaching at the Horace Mann School, Salem. In the natural sciences (with seventh-grade geography) Mr. Louis A. Blais replaced Mrs. Ruth N. Parker in September. Mr. Blais is a graduate of Assumption High, Worcester, and of Assumption College. He studied one summer at the University of New Hampshire. His practice teaching was at Amesbury Junior High School. During the school year 1953-54 Mr. Blais was teacher of science and world history at the Eliot (Maine) High School. At the Merrimac Elementary School there were several changes, all in September. In the fifth grade Miss Helen O'Neil replaced Mrs. Ruth W. Higginbotham. Miss O'Neil is a graduate of Amesbury High School and of Radcliffe College, A.B., 1954. During the summer she took the Intensive Elementary Teacher Training Program at the State Teachers College, Boston. In the fourth grade Mrs. A. Patricia Casey replaced Miss Michalina Bajek. Mrs. Casey is a graduate of Lawrence High School, and of Lowell State Teachers College, B. A., 1934. She has her Master's degree, 1954, from Calvin Coolidge College. Between 1934 and 1939 she taught in Lawrence in the Leahy, Hood, Washington, and Essex Schools. She has assistance (in her room because there are no spare classrooms) from Mrs. Mae Ethel Davis. Mrs. Davis assists also in other grades, Batavian style. In the Primary Unit (grades one to three), Miss



Margaret M. Hickey replaced Miss Cathleen H. Cronin in a section which is on the third grade level. Miss Hickey is a graduate of Johnson High School and of Merrimack College, A. B., 1954. Her practice teaching was in the Thompson School, North Andover. In a section on second-year level Mrs. Florence L. Coe replaced Mrs. Leila E. Squires. Mrs. Coe is a graduate of Essex High School and of Salem Normal School, 1933. She taught for six years in Essex; last fall she was teaching second-year level in Gloucester. In one of the sections on first year level Mrs. Louise E. Hardy was assigned. Mrs. Hardy, a Framingham Normal graduate, is too well known in Merrimac to need briefing. When she left Merrimac in March, 1940, she had been principal of the Centre School for nearly three years, and had taught in Centre School for four years prior to that. From 1948-49 Mrs. Hardy taught first grade in South Hampton, Long Island, New York.

In art Miss Ada Pasquini resigned in June. Beginning in September Mrs. Felch gave her service to fill in the need. The results have been very gratifying. Mrs. Felch majored in art at Kutztown (Pa.) State Teachers College. Since 1946, holidays and special occasions of all sorts in Merrimac elementary schools have been brightened by the art work of Mrs. Felch. This fall, art classes from high school have been added to Mrs. Felch's contribution. Pupils have shown enthusiasm, especially in ceramics; after-school hours seemed to be welcomed. For class use Mrs. Felch brought her own electric kiln.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12:45 Mrs. Donaghue has been assisting Mrs. Currier with her music classes at the high school building.

As a teacher of Nature Study and Conservation in the fifth grade sections, Miss Alice Ann Williams of Elizabeth, New Jersey, a graduate, B.A., of Cornell University, re-

placed Mrs. Ellen F. Bennett in September. This course is under the auspices and subsidy of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Miss Williams has been on the staff of the Atlantic Monthly. She has traveled to Europe twice. Her interest in natural history has led her to the field nature program of the Girl Scouts. Miss Williams comes to Merrimac every other Tuesday forenoon.

During the year preceding September, 1954, six members of the teaching staff earned further credits by taking courses approved in advance for that purpose. The staff members, together with the number of additional credits they earned, are as follows: Miss O'Neil 8, Mrs. Felch 7, Mrs. Verrette 7, Miss Phelan 6, Mr. Mansfield 6, Mrs. Edgerly 3.

On April 21 Mrs. Donaghue and Mrs. Felch, as a guest of the superintendent, participated at Bridgewater in superintendents' discussions of platooning and of the continuous progress plan in the lower grades.

On October 21, Mrs. Donaghue, Mrs. Felch, and Mr. Nute, representing Merrimac and the other towns in this union, attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Elementary Principals Association.

On September 29 and thereafter, the principals in the school union of Merrimac, Newbury, Salisbury, and West Newbury, met for the purpose of developing plans for implementing Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1954. This 1954 legislation amends and changes Section 4 of Chapter 15 of the General Laws, and establishes a division of special education, with branches in different counties in the state. There are many new rules and regulations. Hereafter a town must give special instruction if five or more children are found who are retarded.



The Merrimac teacher salary scale is due for another revision. When Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury become both a union and a region, it is hoped that a satisfactory scale, similar in each town, may be adopted, so that the towns will not be bidding against each other for teachers. In the meanwhile the Merrimac scale was increased \$100 (top and bottom) effective September 1, 1955. Enough was placed on the budget to effect the change. But the clause in the salary scale policy that made increments retroactive to January 1 (after the budget had been appropriated) was deleted for future contracts, and for present contracts after 1955. After 1955, salary increments will start September 1.

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## GRADUATIONS

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On Tuesday morning, June 22, at ten o'clock, at the Elementary School All-Purpose Room, a class of forty-two pupils, consisting of twenty-two boys and twenty girls, graduated from the eighth grade. Both seventh and eighth grade years had been in the new building. Four graduates were with high honors: Lloyd Crossman, Sheela Fowler, Marsha Hargraves, and John Zelenski; seven were with honors: Thomas Atwood, Joanne Donaghue, Francis McComas, Barbara Pierce, Dudley Sargent, Margaret Staples, and Wayne Stone. The class gift, a picture of Merrimac Elementary School, was presented by Lawrence Ingraham and accepted by Richard Keller. The welcome was by Sheela Fowler and the address "Work to Win" by Mr. Arthur Sager of Governor Dummer Academy. Diplomas were presented by Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir.



On Thursday evening, June 24, at eight o'clock, at the Elementary School All-Purpose Room, a class of twenty-two pupils, consisting of five boys and seventeen girls, graduated from the Merrimac High School. The valedictory was by Marilyn Wolfe, who received the history medal and the Readers Digest Award; the salutatory was by Dorothy Wechezak. The Varsity Club award for athletic ability went to Leonard Tilton and the G. A. R. Good Citizenship Award to Sandra Brennan. Both Dorothy Reynolds and Sandra Brennan received awards for excellence in commercial work. The Essex County Pomona Grange Scholarship, which is competed for by graduating high school pupils from some miles about, had been awarded to Sally Stuart. Diplomas were presented by Mrs. Milton E. Webster, Secretary of the School Committee.

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### GENERAL SCHOOL NOTES

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The Merrimac Boosters' Club, Mr. Roland P. Morin, president, has been very helpful to school athletics, particularly in the high school. The Boosters' Club furnished and installed lights over the baskets in the gymnasium. It has furnished letter sweaters for boys and girls and has subsidized the cost of buses for spectators to Merrimac games. On October 27, Mr. Morin came to a school committee meeting to discuss further ways for the club to be of help. The Lions' Club has offered a Junglegym or a slide for the elementary school. Appreciation is here expressed also to the P. T. A., Mr. Louis A. Cyr, president, to the many civic organizations, and to the parents and other individual citizens who have worked for the welfare of the schools during 1954.

From the high school, four of the five boys that graduated in June went into the armed services,—also a girl

joined the waves. Two girls went on to college, plus one to Lowell Teachers College, and one to a secretarial school. The school activities were many. Mr. Morrow's report will be found elsewhere. Five new universal seats were bought for the high school. The Jamaco Journal was edited by Sally Stuart, and in the fall by Marie Fowle. The Christmas Concert on December 20 by the Merrimac High School Glee Club, under Mrs. Doris M. Currier, was excellent as usual; another is planned for May 27, 1955. On May 18, 1954, Mr. Morrow and the superintendent were guests of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; the educational program offered at the navy yard was explained to principals and superintendents.

At the high school building Mr. Arthur R. Clark, custodian, built shelves in each of the four rooms occupied afternoons by the seventh and eighth grades. These shelves are for the use of these afternoon pupils, who have few desks because the desks are occupied already by the books and supplies of high school pupils. Grades seven and eight, scheduled at the high school building from 12:25 to 5:00 P. M., are having their problems, but these are partly compensated for by the segregation of the age group, even though the hours are far from ideal. Early darkness and other factors called for the installation of porch lights, emergency lights in the halls, and the overhauling of the fire-drill bell system. Elsewhere will be found the report of Mrs. Wolfe, who has been in charge of this unit since Mr. Nute left in the middle of November.

In the new elementary school, improvements during 1954 include the painting of the auditorium, the oiling of the parking area on the Locust Street side, and the installation, as a safety measure, of an all-night out-of-door flood light. There is still a roof-leak over the all-purpose room that needs attention. In the lunch room a fan-type of heater has been installed. The kitchen needs more oven space, with the amount of home-cooking that is being done. New



elementary equipment during the year includes two new Viewlex machines for classroom showing of filmstrips, an A. B. Dick liquid duplicator, and new medical scales for the nurse's clinic.

The inauguration of the primary unit plan in September was done with careful administrative planning by Mrs. Donaghue and Mrs. Felch. Mimeographed sheets were made, showing and explaining the reading program and arrangements for each of the nine levels of the first three grades, as well as the reading books to come thereafter up to grade six. Parents were invited to come to discuss and ask questions of teachers and administrators. Nothing is more basic to elementary education than reading.

In the care of the building Mr. Haskell was assisted through the school months by Mr. Sheldon. Both school buildings in Merrimac are well taken care of. Custodial contracts call for summer cleaning also, and care of the grounds. The committee voted that janitorial specifications should be posted in the boiler rooms. When a local organization other than P. T. A. or Boosters' Club requests the use of the All-Purpose Room, a janitorial fee for extra duty is part of the arrangement.

Mrs. Donaghue's reports on monthly fire drills indicate that it takes always less than two minutes to vacate the building.

The safety program of the school was implemented on May 20 when Inspector William F. Higgins from the Registry of Motor Vehicles showed films and gave talks on different age levels concerning safety on the highways: at 10:00 A. M., grades 1—6; at 11:30 A. M., high school; at 1:00 P. M., grades seven and eight.

The town's school census (registration of minors, under Chapter 72, Section 2, of the General Laws) was taken this fall by Mrs. Milton E. Webster.



Mrs. Annie L. Gleed, R. N., Merrimac school nurse, is assisted by Miss Shirley Venezia, dental nurse.

The school dental examiner is Dr. John A. Hawes, now on duty three days a week.

Mrs. Donald H. Keene, Chairman of the Christmas Seal Committee, sent her appreciation of the contributions of the children.

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## TRANSPORTATION

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On the first of October, 225 of the 540 Merrimac public school pupils (41.7%) were transported regularly by the Massachusetts Northeastern Transportation Company. 128 rode an average of at least one and one-half miles each way each school day. The 225 transported pupils included 41 of the 113 high school pupils, 38 of the 98 seventh-eighth grade pupils, and 146 of the 329 elementary pupils in the new building (grades one to six). From Birchmeadow direction there were 61, from Lake Attitash, Trailer Park, and Bear Hill direction 76, and from Merrimacport 88.

Buses for Merrimac High School leave Lake Attitash at 6:45 A. M., thence to Trailer Park and over Bear Hill Road to high school in time for the 7:30 opening. Those to the elementary school are one hour later. From Birchmeadow Road to high school they leave the top of Saunders Hill at 6:50 A. M., thence over Birchmeadow Road, Newton Road, to Winter Street, to school. Those to elementary school one hour later. Merrimacport bus to elementary school leaves about 8:15 A. M.

State law requires transportation if a child lives two miles or more over public highway, or one mile or more

from the bus, over public highway. If buses become crowded those who ride the shortest distances are dropped first, except that preference is given to first grade and small children. Bus drivers have been authorized by the school committee to refuse rides to children who are disorderly on the bus. Safety first.

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## VOCATIONAL

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In the fall of 1954 there were five Merrimac pupils in Haverhill Trade School,—two first-year pupils in general vocational, one second-year pupil in sheet metal, one in painting and decoration, and one who registered in December for upholstery. The tuition is \$290 a year, for which, like all vocational education bills, Merrimac is liable if the pupil is a resident, whether sufficient appropriation has been made or not. In the Haverhill Evening Trade Extension one pupil registered for sheet metal, one for machine shop, one for carpentry, one for printing, and one for radio and electronics. Earlier in the year, that is, between January and June, 1954, one registered for electrical work. One citizen was studying machine maintenance at the Lynn Independent Industrial Shoemaking School, and one veteran was registered, both spring and fall, for part-time apprentice in plumbing at the Boston Trade School. The rate at the latter is fifteen cents an hour. In the Haverhill Evening Apprentice School one pupil registered for auto repair, one for arc welding, one for a diversified course (carpentry), and one for upholstery. Earlier one registered for machine shop. In the Haverhill Evening School, four Merrimac women registered for beginning dressmaking, two for advanced dressmaking and two for rug hooking (plus one earlier). The cost of these evening courses is twenty cents per pupil per hour, payable by the town.



The usual length of a course is sixty hours. No transportation is furnished or reimbursed to evening or part-time vocational schools. When reimbursement to the student is applicable, it is at a rate not exceeding the cost of student tickets on public bus, and for the exact number of days already attended. All costs to the town for vocational education in state-aided schools is fifty percent reimbursable to the town by the state, after detailed claims with names and attendance data are filed.

In addition to the foregoing, two ninth grade boys registered for Essex County Agricultural School. In this county school there is no tuition for county residents. The cost of transportation on tickets, except for ninety cents a week, is paid by the school, if the pupil makes application at the office at Hathorne. Statutes concerning trade and vocational schools are not applicable to the county school.

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## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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The activities of the girls' and boys' basketball teams highlighted the winter season at the high school. The girls were coached by Miss Mary Louise Kenney and though unfortunate in being unable to score victories they showed the true spirit of competition. The boys, coached by Frederick Noone, lost some very close games and with a little better fate, might have had a winning season. Both teams again played in the Merrimac Valley League Tournament at Georgetown.

The annual Stunt Night was held on March 26. The judges selected the Sophomore Class as the winners on the basis of their originality and manner of presentation.



Their prize winning effort was a musical entitled, "A Darkie's Dream," which was under the direction of their advisor, Rodney Mansfield. The freshmen stunt was "A Day in the Army." The Junior skit was entitled "This is Your Life", and the seniors presented a parody on Shakespeare's play, "Julius Caesar."

The social program was enriched by the success of the Sophomore Hop and the Junior Prom. The Sophomores presented their dance in April and used as their theme the country of Holland. Marie Murphy was selected as queen of the dance. The Prom was held in May and its theme was "Stardust." Marie Fowle was chosen as queen with George Waterhouse reigning as king.

The annual spring concert was again under the capable leadership of Mrs. Doris Currier. I feel that high praise is due our music supervisor for the remarkable job that she does. Her patience and deep interest in the talents of our youngsters has made our musical program outstanding.

The baseball team was coached by Mr. Frederick Noone and captained by Leonard Tilton. Although they did not win the league championship, they managed to have a winning season. The softball team was under the direction of Miss Margaret O'Riordan and played an informal schedule with Georgetown, Hampstead and Topsfield.

The seniors went on their class trip during the spring vacation and were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bardsley. The group traveled from Boston to New York by train and while in New York they visited Radio City, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. In Washington their visits were too numerous to mention but the highlights were the White House, Capitol Building, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Arlington Cemetery.

An added educational enjoyment for the seniors on the trip was a journey to Virginia through the Shenandoah Valley where they stopped at the Sky-Line Caverns, Valley Forge and Gettysburg.

For the first time both the Baccalaureate service and the graduation exercises were held at the New Elementary School. They were directed by Miss Isabelle Phelan and credit must be given for a very commendable job. Twenty-two seniors were graduated and top scholastic honors went to Valedictorian Marilyn Wolfe and Salutatorian Dorothy Wechezak.

During the year the testing program was continued. The Kuhlman-Finch Intelligence Test was administered to all and the California Mental Maturity Test also was used as a supplement. The Division of Employment Security of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts administered general aptitude tests to the seniors and by means of personal interviews, interpreted the results for each individual.

The outstanding academic change of the school year was the use of the platoon system for the high school and the junior high. The school hours for the high school, as a result of the change, are from 7:30 A. M. to 12:05 P. M. The junior high hours are from 12:25 to 5:00 P. M. The reduction of schools hours has not effected the time given the subject-matter classes. By shortening recess and eliminating the activity period, enough time was materialized to give full time allotment to all classes. This has made for a concentrated schedule and the main points of hardship are on after-school and extra-curricular activities. As a result of the program also making it difficult for parents to have consultations with members of the faculty, conference nights have been arranged for parents following the close of each marking term.



On the evening of October 29, 1954 the Senior Class presented its annual play entitled "Hillbilly Weddin", written by LeRoma Rose. This play, with its setting in a delapidated hillbilly cabin and its characters in barefeet and patched clothes, was well received by the largest audience ever to attend a class play. The financial success also provided a great boost to the Senior Class treasury.

The play directed by Mr. Rodney F. Mansfield of the high school faculty had the following cast:

Maw and Paw Belsnickle were played by Sandra Turner and David Hoyt and their six children Ceelie, Bonnie Mae, Juney Lou, Four, Five and Six by Patricia Flynn, Marie Fowle, Phyllis Dudley, Frances Smith, Gertrude McCarron and Sylvia Yelle, respectively. Two neighboring hillbillies, Chiz and Obeey Upshlager were portrayed by Ernest Brooks, an assisting underclassman, and Walter Currier. A charitable medical student and his haughty aunt were played by Wallace Furber and Fern Corson. The village parson was Harry Kimball and Alfred Sampson led the Hillbilly Band. The wedding soloist was Carol St. Jean.

Several committees from the class assisting on staging, properties, tickets, publicity and a concession, all of which helped in making the production a success in many ways.

The school year is a very busy one and the highlights have been briefly portrayed in this report. In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Page and the Merrimac School Committee for their guidance and cooperation. It goes without saying that my duties have been made enjoyable by the fine spirit of cooperation from the students and members of my fine and capable faculty.

EDWARD S. MORROW



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**1953 - 1954 Honor Roll****Seniors****High Honor**

Sally Stuart  
Dorothy Wechezak  
Marilyn Wolfe

**Honor**

Dorothy Reynolds

**Juniors****High Honor**

Virginia Kneeland

**Honor**

Lynn Hayward

**Sophomores****High Honor**

Eugene Getchell  
Barbara Sargent

**Honor**

Richard Fowler  
Constance Hoyt

**Freshmen****High Honor**

Marie Dressler  
Charles Getchell

**Honor**

George Denault  
Jack Hawes  
Mary Kimbrell  
Caleb Wolfe

## REPORT OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Although the past four months have brought considerable change and readjustment for both faculty and student body, it has been a busy and happy period. Housed in the High School building, the Junior High School has once again become a unit unto itself which situation, psychologically, is more wholesome for the adolescent student.

The enrollment for the fall term numbered 98 which was divided into two seventh and two eighth grade home-rooms.

The testing program, begun in 1954, was continued with the administration of the Kuhlman-Finch Intelligent Test to all students in the late fall.

Our Junior High School (350 book) library was transferred to the High School building where student librarians kept the books in active circulation.

In October the first school social, a dance with a Patriot's Day theme, was sponsored by the 7A division. 88 % of the students were in attendance to present a farewell gift of a briefcase to Mr. Nute.

Basket-ball practices and games, due to the platooning, took place in the evenings. In spite of the late hours, 80 % of the girls and 60 % of the boys have participated. Enthusiasm ran high as teams were picked to play Seabrook, Groveland, Amesbury, and Salisbury. An intramural tournament in which all will take part will end the basket-ball season.

Each week the students have enjoyed one activity period. Some of the programs have included educational movies, class meetings, and special programs of short

plays, recitations, singing, and instrumental music. At one special program two Conservation Officers spoke to the school on "New Conservation Laws especially pertaining to the Junior High School Age."

As the newly-appointed Assistant Principal of the Junior High School, I should, in closing, like to express my appreciation for the help and co-operation I have received during this past term from Dr. Page and the School Committee.

CORNELIA WOLFE

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## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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It is my pleasure to report the following from the Elementary School activities from January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954.

Essex County Agricultural School extended an invitation to the boys of grade 8 to visit the school for a day. The boys did so on January 8th accompanied by Mr. Noone. Three of the boys decided to attend Essex "Aggie" during their spring vacation. During that week the boys follow the regular schedule of the school to get acquainted with the program of the school and decide if they wish to attend for the remainder of the year. If this is done, the marks are sent back to our school for recording and at the end of the year the students are promoted from our school. They can register at the "Aggie" as freshmen and profit by having had this preparation period. John Zalenski took that training period and is now enrolled as a student there.

Three of the boys of grade eight took the tests for entrance to the Haverhill Trade School. All three were



accepted. However, in September only two wish to attend. Leon Smith and Gary Vincent are attending.

Basketball was coached by Mrs. Cornelia Wolfe and Mr. Millard Nute. Because of the late dismissal time of the second platoon, it was impossible to have a schedule of "outside" games. Intra-mural games were enjoyed. Awards were given at a Field Day held in the spring.

On May 20th Chief of Police Carey introduced Inspector Higgins of the Registry of Motor Vehicles who showed motion pictures and talked to the children about "Safety on the Highway."

Memorial Day was observed by all grades, including the High School, by a program in the all-purpose room.

Our children are to be congratulated on their prompt and efficient response to the Civil Defense drill held on June 14th. The children remain in their classrooms but kneel beside their desks (the little ones are taught to get under their desks) and lower their heads, placing their arms and hands to protect the head from the possible danger of flying glass and debris. This position is held until the danger period is over.

Class trips were made during the last week of school. Each class is allowed one day for a field trip of educational value.

Mr. Arthur Sager of Governor Dummer Academy was the speaker at the Junior High Graduation exercises, which were held in the all-purpose room on the morning of June 22nd. Dr. Frederick Sweetsir presented the diplomas.

September brought many changes to our school. The change of staff is in Dr. Page's report.

Mrs. Felch added the supervision of Art to her program. Her results have been most gratifying to the teachers and to the pupils.

Platooning was taken from our building as the grade level of platooning was changed. This changed the school hours back to a one session day from 8:30 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. Teachers are on duty until 2:45 to have time to give individual help when needed, also for parent conferences and extra curricular activities.

There are two things I would like to mention here. First, parents are welcome to visit school at any time but due to classroom duties teachers will talk to parents only after school hours. Secondly, no invitations are sent out to parents for assembly programs which all the children of the school attend because of the fact that the number of children in the grades almost fills the all-purpose room. Parents who do wish to visit at this time will please overlook this inconvenience.

A program of assemblies has been planned for the school year of 1954-55. All parents received a copy but for friends who are interested the schedule is as follows:

November 10th

Open house all day, National Education Week

November 18th

Parent Teacher Association program

December 16th

Christmas program

February 4th

Assembly, Grades 1-2-3

February 11th

Assembly, Grades 4-5-6

May 3rd

May Day program

May 27th

Memorial Day program

New report cards were planned and printed this year. There are two types. One is for the Primary Unit and the other is for the Intermediate grades.

The Primary Unit is so called because of the new way of placing pupils in their first years of school to make it possible for them to progress at their own rate and receive as much individual attention as is possible in reading. Reading is the subject which forms the basis of future education.

To encourage having someone read aloud to children at home, a supplementary library was started in November. This was explained at the November P. T. A. meeting in correlation with National Book Week. Children are allowed to borrow these books to be taken home for one week.

Mrs. Currier, music supervisor, has asked that the citizens of Merrimac be told of the Rhythm Band instruments which Mrs. Felch made to augment our small supply of instruments. These were needed due to the enlarged enrollment. They are very colorful and attractive to the pupils. The performances by our Rhythm Band at the Santa Claus Parade and the P. T. A. meeting prove beyond doubt the value of these instruments in teaching rhythm and music appreciation to our young children.

A Tonette Band of 12 instruments was started in the 6th grade under Miss Pooler's supervision. This year it is hoped that we can enlarge this to an instrument for each member of that grade.

Our thanks in appreciation for her gifts to the school, and her time and effort go to Mrs. John Chipman. Mrs. Chipman and her son, Curtis, traveled to England last spring. They did not forget our school at any time as the cards, letters, posters and books that we received from them can verify. Since school opened in the fall Mrs. Chipman has given much time in visiting our classrooms to give illustrated talks to the children.



We thank the Merrimac Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police Maurice Carey for their cooperation in helping us take care of our traffic problems. Mrs. Stanwood Frazier was appointed special police officer in charge of the crossing at Main, Locust and Woodland Streets. Mrs. Gertrude Kopanski is her substitute. One way traffic is enforced on Union Street Extension from Union Street to Locust Street from 8:00 to 8:30 A. M. and 1:45 to 2:15 P. M. to lessen the possibility of accidents at the beginning and ending of school.

It is with sincere appreciation of the time and effort the Merrimac School Committee and Dr. Page have given our school for the benefit of the physical care and educational advancement of our children, that I wish to express my thanks to them. It has been a pleasure to work with them to attain these objectives.

HELEN R. DONAGHUE

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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My report is herewith submitted, dating from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

Number of school visits	127
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Number of home visits	255
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The Pre-school Clinic was held on May 20th, 21st and 27th.

Number examined by Dr. A. Francis Davis	57
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Children who did not attend Pre-school Clinic were examined by Dr. Davis after registration in the fall.

The Diphtheria Clinic was held on March 18th, April 15th and May 13th, 1954.

Number of children receiving three doses      21

Number receiving Booster shots                      139

Children in the fifth and ninth grades were given complete physical examinations.

Children in Junior High and High School were given physical examinations by Dr. Davis.

Every child was weighed and measured at the beginning and end of the school year.

Number of children tested with the Audiometer for hearing    539

Number of children given the Massachusetts Vision test    167

ANNIE L. GLEED, R. N.

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL LUNCH MANAGER

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The following is a report of the Merrimac School Lunch Program for the year of 1954.

From January through June, we serve a daily average of 173 Type A Lunches and 118 Type C. Lunches.

From September 1954 through December 1954, a period of sixty-six school days, we served 15,378 Type A

Lunches or a daily average of 233. This was an increase over last year as we can now serve the entire first six grades.

A Type A Lunch has to meet one third of the daily nutritional requirements, or better, of each pupil. For this lunch, the pupils pay only 25 cents and the state reimburses the program .09 cents for each Type A Lunch that meets the above state requirements.

A Type C Lunch consists of a bottle of milk served to the pupils that bring their lunch. From September to January we served 3,305 bottles of milk, a daily average of 50.

As a needy case has been brought to our attention, we have served a free lunch and from September through December, we served a total of 144 free Type A Lunches and 519 meals have been served to pupils as compensation for working in the Lunch Room.

From the above figures, it is very gratifying to observe that a very large majority of the pupils participate in the Hot Lunch Program.

I wish to thank Dr. Page, the School Committee and the Teachers for their fine cooperation this past year. Also a great deal of thanks is due the several students who have given of their time and effort this past year in the Kitchen.

ISABEL L. TAYLOR, B. S.

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### GRADUATES, 1954

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**Merrimac High School:** Florence Priscilla Bixby, Sandra Ann Brennan, Christine Dorothy Chase, Nancy Lorraine Comley, Bernard Hughes Connors, Patricia Anne



Doyle, LeAnn Dressler, June Marcine Hartwell, Joyce Virginia Heath, Richard Ralph Kimball, Priscilla Ruth Lovell, Marie Suzanne Morrill, William D. Murphy, Dorothy Margaret Reynolds, Shirley Elizabeth Rines, Shirley Marie St. Jean, Virginia Thelma Seymour, Sally Ann Stuart, Richard Charles Sutherland, Leonard Alvin Tilton, Dorothy Roberta Wechezak, Marilyn Roberta Wolfe.

**Grade 8:** Edna Anne Armstrong, Thomas Irving Atwood\*, Richard Edward Brady, Karen Linda Bruce, John Gilbert Buzzell, Robert Charles Calnan, Lloyd Donald Crossman\*\*, Richard Paul Danforth, Joanne Elizabeth Donaghue\*, William Furguson, Sheela Anne Fowler\*\*, Jo-Ann Marie Goodrich, David Wayne Grant, Marsha Joyce Hargraves\*\*, Fred Malcom Heath, Stephanie Eliason Hurley, Lawrence W. Ingraham, Carol Ann Joralmon, James Joseph Manning, Francis Arthur McComas\*, Carolyn Jean Merritt, Donna Lee Morgan, Virginia Maidee Morse, George Lester Openshaw, Barbara Ann Peirce\*, Ginger Ann Prescott, Marjorie Diane Roberts, Mable A. Rogers, Dudley Currier Sargent\*, George Stanley Saunders, Peter Ronald Sharkey, Leon Burton Smith, Lillian Smith, Margaret Ann Staples\*, Wayne Bradley Stone\*, Robert Arnold St. Jean, Constance Colbert Sweeney, Donald Roland Therrien, David Harry Trenholm, Gary George Vincent, Bessie Eva Walker, John Henry Zalenski\*\*.

\*\*High Honors

\*Honors



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